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Township Urged to Comply With COAH Guidelines; Task Force Is Expected

A consultant has recommended to Princeton Township Committee that the municipality comply with the state-crafted affordable housing formula, factoring in the long-term housing goals of the Township and creating a task force that would examine the guidelines in order to draft new housing code.

The recommendation, given Monday night by housing consultant Elizabeth McKenzie during a Committee work session, effectively said the Township should look at all housing possibilities — from "pie-in-the-sky" possibilities to more immediate plans, such as advocating for the construction of 40 new units at Princeton Community Village.

Under the recommendations by the state's Council on Affordable Housing, or COAH, the Township is responsible for 382 new and rehabilitated affordable units retroactive from 1999 through 2018.

COAH's prior recommendations were thrown out in January 2007 by a state appellate court for using what the court ruled as outdated housing formula. A new formula surfaced late last year, when COAH released its latest plan.

COAH, an arm of the state's Department of Community Affairs, recommends a growth share regulatory affordable housing mechanism with a building approach where residential and nonresidential market-rate growth in a town triggers the construction of affordable housing. Fundamentally, the regulations require on affordable unit for every five market-rate residential and nonresidential units, and one affordable unit for every 16 jobs created.

COAH is calling for 115,666 affordable housing units statewide for new and anticipated construction built between 1999 and 2018. The proposed regulations still permit towns to transfer up to 50 percent of their affordable housing obligations to other municipalities within each town's respective COAH region. In the Princeton region, the cost for that arrangement, a regional contribution agreement, is $70,000 per unit.

But Ms. McKenzie, the Township's contracted consultant, called the Township's required number under COAH "unfathomably high" in a memorandum issued to Committee. "It is undoubtedly the result of bad data concerning vacant

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FAN FAVORITES: Members of the Princeton University men's hockey team gather on the ice at the Times Union Center in Albany, N.Y. after topping Colgate 3-0 last Friday in semifinals of the ECAC Hockey tournament. Players from the Princeton men's lacrosse team, in town to play Albany University, cheer in the background. The hockey team drew more cheers the next night as it topped Harvard 4-1 in the ECACH title game, winning the championship for the first time since 1997-98. This weekend, Princeton heads to Madison, Wis. to play in the NCAA tournament. Princeton is the fourth seed in the Midwest Regional, taking on No. 1 North Dakota on March 29. See pages 32-33 for more details about the ECACH championship.

Ridge Advocacy Group Sues Township

An advocacy group formed to prevent a proposed senior housing development along a geographically sensitive area in the northeast section of the Township formally filed suit last week against Township Committee and Mayor Phyllis Marchand, alleging that Township Hall violated environmental, zoning, and housing codes.

The suit, filed March 17 in Mercer County Superior Court, is the culmination of efforts of a not-for-profit organization, People for Princeton Ridge, attempting to curb development along roughly 20 acres in an area known as the Princeton Ridge, which stretches east-west along the northern span of the Township. This particular area, just west of Bunn Drive, was identified by the Township in 2001 as an area in which to achieve municipal senior housing goals.

The land, which is privately owned by the Short Hills-based Chatham Capital Investors, had been zoned for age 62-and-over housing. But following a series of meetings, both public and private with J. Robert Hillier, the contract purchaser for the land and a shareholder of Town Topics, Inc., the Township ultimately changed the overlay zoning there in January, changes that include a reduction in age minimum to age 55, down from the previous 62 requirement. That change, Mr. Hillier argued, was a necessary one, calling the age-62 market too restrictive and that loosening the age restriction would help to advance the Township's long-stated housing goal, as well as philosophies listed in the Princeton Community Master Plan.

The Township Committee's unanimous move to allow for new zoning there was immediately lauded by housing advocates, who had devoted the better part of two decades to pushing for an increased stock in senior housing within the Princetons. But the celebratory tone faded quickly when it became clear that Township Hall's unanimous vote would be challenged with a lawsuit filed by opposed residents, who have characterized development along the Princeton Ridge as a threat to the environment there, and have argued that the specific ordinance advanced by the Township Monday provides an insufficient level of affordable housing.

In short, the suit alleges that Mayor and Committee exercised spot zoning; created an "unlawful local preference mandate," a charge against the zoning's allowance for a Princeton resident marketing preference; wrongfully mandated a developer's agreement where any developer would donate an adjacent three-acre parcel (part of the tract) to the Township for future municipal purposes; violated Council on Affordable Housing requirements by not stipulating

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Board Approves Tentative Budget, Says Farewell to Two Members

The Princeton Regional Board of Education approved a tentative budget for 2008-2009, and said good-bye to board president Michael Mostoller and member Jeffrey Spears at its meeting last Thursday.

Before the vote, School Superintendent Judy Wilson offered a detailed look at the budget, which is available online by going to the PRS website at www.prs.k12.nj.us and clicking on "budget presentation." Residents of the Township and Borough will have their chance to vote on the budget on April 15, when they will also select two new board members. All Princeton residents were encouraged to vote, and it was noted that absentee ballots are available online at the PRS website.

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A. HOUSING: We want a town with neighborhoods for many different types of people. All of us, of every economic level, want to be able to afford to continue to live here, and not be taxed and priced away.

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C. TOWN & TOWN: Whether, technically, one Princeton or two, we want both the Township and the Boro to work as one for all Princetonians.

D. GOWN & TOWN: We want the University and the Community to work together as genuine partners in creative, equitable relationships.

E. DIVERSITY: We want a town that values all forms of diversity, from ethnic to intellectual, from treasuring its historic African American community to welcoming and assisting its new Latino immigrants.

F. SUSTAINABILITY: We want to create better local public transport, and safe pedestrian and bike paths, to help unclog our streets, to save energy, and to protect the future of our precious environment.

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BOOK BONANZA: Harriet Bryan (L) and Claire Jacobus sharing a smile as they work the American History table in preparation for the Bryn Mawr-Wellesley Book Sale, which opens with a paid preview this morning at 10 and will become the biggest secondhand bookshop around until Sunday's Box Day crowds clear (or almost clear) the tables. The official sale begins at 2 p.m. and runs until 9 Wednesday. Hours on Thursday and Friday are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Half-Price Day, it's 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more details visit www.princetonol.com/groups/brynmawr. Proceeds from the sale support scholarships for Bryn Mawr and Wellesley students.

Library Board Reviews Goals And Looks Toward the Future

TOPICS
Of the Town

The news at last week's Princeton Public Library Board meeting was mostly good. Board President Katherine McGavern reported that the board's recently-stated goals of reviewing library employees' benefits package, enhancing their collaboration with the Friends of the Library, and plans for the Library's 2009 centennial celebration, are all underway.

Determining parking costs for library patrons, she said, is still a "work in progress," and board member Grayson Barber wondered whether the resolution of this time-consuming quandary should not be left up to Library Director Leslie Burger, who, she said, "is caught in the crossfire between the Borough and the Township." Borough Mayor Mildred Trotman pointed out that the issue is indeed between the Borough and Township, and the Board agreed to change the wording of their original charge from "finding a resolution" to the parking situation to "advocating for" one.

Ms. Burger noted that the library is currently operating on a temporary three-month budget which it will need to renew at next month's board meeting, if the Borough and Township don't come up with their own budgets before then. Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand and Ms. Trotman reported that they were waiting for the state budget to be announced before preparing their own respective budgets, since there was considerable uncertainty about how much the municipalities would be getting. What is already certain, however, said Ms. Burger, is that the state's 2009 budget marks "the first time there will be a cut to libraries," representing a loss of about $3,500 (10 per cent of the usual $35,000 allocation) for the PPL.

Although the library and Heartland Payment Systems had agreed not to go ahead with the library's sponsorship of an ID/debit/money-raising card after the last Board meeting, Ms. Burger noted that if the one-card plan, which now appears

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School Board

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to be under the aegis of the Princeton Education Foundation, is "wildly successful, the door is still open for library participation." In the meantime, there will not be a request for other proposals, as suggested at the last meeting. A recent article from USA Today detailing some of the problems with existing debit-card arrangements at various colleges was circulated.

Ms. Burger reported on what may be an incipient "slow book movement" discussed at a conference she recently attended. Board members expressed interest in adopting such a program, which would encourage "a step back from sound bytes" in a world inundated with information.

News of improved technology at the library included Ms. Burger's announcement that, as of June, patrons would be able to download digital books onto IPods.

An unexpected boon resulting from the library's sale of red tote bags with the library logo, Ms. Burger said, has been the submission of photos of the bags taken by library patrons during their travels to faraway places, like Yeats's grave in Dublin. It was agreed that this practice, which might result in an intriguing exhibit, should be encouraged.

Library Business Manager Linda Simon was present at the meeting to talk about her 18 years of work at the library, and to receive kudos from various board members. Ms. McGavern described Ms. Simon's work as "invaluable to the financial well-being of this organization," while Ms. Burger called her "the financial brains behind this operation" and "a delight to work with." Others lauded her "steady grace under pressure," and willingness to embrace new technology, as evidenced by the fact that she is dealing with the third accounting system to be implemented at the library in the last 9 years.

Ms. Simon noted that the library budget had grown from $980,000 when she started in 1989, to $4 million today. Fines during her first year generated $1,000 a month in income; today the library takes in $10,000 a month in fines. "We managed things pretty okay," Ms. Simon modestly commented when reminded of the $18 million construction budget she oversaw for the creation of the new library building. "I enjoy what I do," she commented. "I work with a great group of people."

—Ellen Gilbert

Topics In Brief
A Community Bulletin

In response to the completion of Princeton University's sweeping campus vision plan outlining future development of the 360-acre campus, the community group **Princeton Future** will discuss the PU plan, as well as its compatibility with the Princeton Community Master Plan this Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Princeton Public Library. The Witherspoon Bread Company will provide refreshments. Items up for discussion will be the University's proposal to create an arts and transit neighborhood near the Alexander Street-University Place intersection, and a plan to build a parking garage along Western Way. Princeton Future will also address the perceived impact on housing, downtown, diversity, sustainability, and town-gown relations. The PU campus plan can be viewed at www.princeton.edu/campusplan. (*MH*).

The third annual **Mercer County Economic Summit** hosted by the Mercer County Office of Economic Development and Sustainability and the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce will be held this Thursday, March 27, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. at the Conference Center at Mercer County Community College. Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes will welcome more than 250 business owners and community leaders to the summit, which carries the theme, "Mercer County is Open for Business." This year's meeting will focus on opportunities for businesses to relocate or expand in Mercer County. Keynote speaker will be Robert A. Dye, vice president and senior economist for The PNC Financial Services Group. Following the keynote speech there will be four breakout sessions on the topics of expansion opportunities for businesses, higher education as an economic driver, how population shifts change the economy, and how sports and entertainment drive the local economy. The major sponsor for the Economic Summit is PNC Bank and reception sponsors are NAI Fennelly, Verizon, and PSE&G. Fox Rothschild LLP, Genesis Biotechnology Campus, NAI Fennelly, PSE&G, Verizon and Wilmington Trust. The cocktail reception is sponsored by Select Greater Philadelphia, Opus East LLC, and Matrix Development Group, Fox Rothschild and RWJ Hamilton. The breakout sessions are sponsored by VJ Scozzari & Sons, Capital Health System, Amboy Bank, and Hopewell Valley Community Bank. For more information, call Cheri Durst of the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce at cheri@princetonchamber.org or (609) 924-1776 or the Mercer County Office of Economic Development and Sustainability at (609) 989-6059.

The **Princeton Regional Health Department** is reminding the community that vaccinating pets at three months of age, and maintaining their rabies vaccination status throughout their life, can help save animals. Health Department Officer David Henry pointed to a recent Salem County case where a pup came into contact with a skunk displaying abnormal behavior. This pup had to be euthanized because he was confirmed positive for rabies and never received his vaccination. If you suspect that people or domestic animals may have been exposed to a rabid animal, it is pertinent that you call your local health department immediately. If you have any questions, or need more information, contact the Princeton Animal Control Department at (609) 924-2728. For more information on rabies and animal control laws, visit www.state.nj.us/health.

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Candidates Vie for Democratic Party Nod With Some Calling for Change in Township

In a one-party town, the general election effectively takes place during the June primary rather than in November. And for the Princeton's Democratic party, that vetting process has already begun.

This Sunday, the Princeton Community Democratic Organization (PCDO) will hold its endorsement meeting and Candidates' Night as candidates in both the Borough and Township seek their party's endorsement.

It's basically no contest in the Borough, where incumbent Borough Council members David Goldfarb and Barbara Trelstad are running unopposed for reelection, while Kevin Wilkes, a Democrat, looks for a primary endorsement to an uncontested bid for the Council seat vacated by Councilwoman Wendy Benchley, who officially resigned Monday.

There is a bit more of a battle going on in the Township, where Karen C. "Casey" Lambert, Susan Nemeth, and Bernie Miller vie for two available seats on Township Committee. Mr. Miller, the incumbent, looks for reelection to his third term; Ms. Lambert, who served on Committee between 2002 and 2004, looks to rejoin the governing body; and Ms. Nemeth, a relative greenhorn, seeks a first term on Committee.

At the PCDO vote Sunday night, a candidate can only obtain endorsement if he or she receives a majority of votes from PCDO members present, and if he or she receives 60 percent of the PCDO vote from members who reside in that candidate's home municipality.

It's all about the ballot position, a crucial part in securing the upper hand in the primary election, according to all of the candidates running. If a candidate receives the party endorsement, that person gets primary positioning on the baliot in the voting booth, and the slogan, likely to be "Regular Democratic Organization." If a candidate does not get the party endorsement, but chooses to run anyway in the June primary, he or she would likely be listed in what is considered a much weaker position, usually toward the right side of the ballot.

It's all up to the Mercer County Democratic Chair, said Dan Preston, who chairs the Princeton Township Democratic Committee. The PTDC will have their endorsement vote Monday, March 31. The Borough Democratic Committee is slated to hold their vote immediately following the PCDO vote Sunday night.

The party machinations are crucial components of the process, and candidates have been seeking out fellow Democrats as they look to secure a vote of confidence.

"I'm reaching out to members of both the Township Democratic Committee and the PCDO," Ms. Nemeth said, adding that she was focusing her run on property taxes, municipal consolidation, and sustainable development.

"Because the primary is contested, each of the candidates has to fight," Mr. Milier said. "In the absence of the endorsement, you find yourself either in the column without the slogan or off to the side.

"In either case, there's not much of a track record of people who don't get the endorsement of winning the primary election." Mr. Miller points to affordable housing advocacy, the goal of municipal consolidation, and a record that includes time on the Princeton Township Housing Board, and as chair of the Cable Television Committee.

Ms. Lambert agreed, saying she had reached out to party membership, calling for increased governmental transparency, "zero-based" budgeting, and enhanced relations with the Borough.

While they are not running on a ticket, Ms. Nemeth acknowledged that "It would be good" if she and Ms. Lambert were elected. "I think there's a little fatigue," she said, stopping short of saying she and Ms. Lambert, if elected, would caucus for a new mayor in 2009. The five-member body names a sitting Committee member mayor annually. Mayor Phyllis Marchand has received unanimous support from Committee for 11 terms.

Mr. Miller refuted Ms. Nemeth's assertion, while acknowledging that there has been an individual movement underfoot to change Township leadership. However, he downplayed the effort, which reportedly crosses municipal lines. Mr. Miller would not confirm as much, but sources say that the movement to change Township leadership is tied, at least in part, to a member or members of Princeton Borough Council.

Regardless of how the endorsement process plays out, PCDO President Jenny Crumiller pointed to an increase in PCDO membership, which has spiked to 487 — a number that has doubled in the past four years, she said. "The competition and the many voices within the party have actually gotten more people involved," she said.

—Matthew Hersh

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The month-long festival will feature performances, conferences, and other events under the theme of "A Tour Around the World." A different region will be highlighted for each of the four weeks: the Middle East and Africa (week of March 31); the Americas (week of April 7); Asia-Pacific (week of April 14); and Europe (week of April 21).

The opening ceremony will highlight performance styles from around the world, including dragon and lion dances, as well as a procession of students bearing the flags of their native countries. The opening ceremony is free, but admission may be charged at some festival performances.

Other events planned for the festival include art exhibitions in the University's Frist Campus Center and Firestone Library; a performance by the Ballet Folklorico student dance troupe; an Asian market; and a "Global Village" presentation and flag procession down Nassau Street at Communiversity on Saturday, April 26.

The International Festival is organized by the Consortium of International Student Organizations under the auspices of the University's Davis International Center. For more information on the festival, visit www.princeton.edu/~consortm/int_festival.html.

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Question of the Week:

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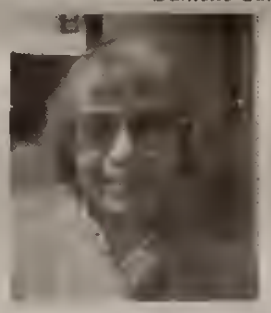
"I thought that he talked about race the way an adult would talk about it, and it was the first time an American politician did that. And he treated the people as adults. Although we will not know for a while how the speech was received, I think that it speaks well to his ability to react under pressure, to deal with difficult issues, and to treat the public as a partner in trying to find answers to difficult questions."

— Mark Schlesinger, Cranbury

"I think Sen. Obama mentioned a lot of things that should have been mentioned years ago, but have not been. It's hard to tell the effect of the speech, however. Some people are focusing on just parts of it, like whether he should have been harder on the Rev. Wright. For me, I have not made a choice, but that speech is something that would tip me in his direction."

— Danielle Gordon, Princeton



"I was angry at first that he did not come down harder on the Rev. Wright. It is, however, a very complex subject, and no matter what he said or how he said it, it could be a very fruitful beginning of a discussion on the matter. As to its impact on him, it is yet to be seen – it could go either way."

— Lucy Mackenzie, Princeton

"It was a very impressive speech, really amazing, and I wish that I could vote for him. My mother in Brazil told me that people there were very excited about it. Will it help him? For people who think about his words, and understand them, I am sure that it will."

— Regina Manheimer, Princeton

"We think that it was very sincere, real and true – something that you do not see from politicians. It was a realistic point of view and it wasn't sugar coated, which is refreshing. Some may object to the speech, but the net effect will be positive. That is what we are hoping."

— Forough Ghaharmani of Princeton, left, and Marjan Ghaharmani with her daughter, Afsoon Safabakash, both of Yardley, Pa.

PHS Students Stage Walkout To Mark 5th Anniversary of War

Chilly, damp weather did not dissuade over 100 Princeton High School students from walking out of their seventh-period classes last Wednesday in a protest marking the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq.

Nor were they deterred by a letter from PHS Principal Gary Snyder circulated earlier that day to students' parents, noting that "students who might choose to walk out of a class will be assigned a detention."

Armed with hand-outs ("Fact Sheet: War in Iraq," "Military Industrial Complex: Facts for your consideration," "Military Recruitment: Ponder the Following," and an "Opt Out" form requesting that a student's name, address, and telephone number not be released to military recruiters), along with a shared script, six student organizers spoke to the group assembled at the front of the school about the war's civilian and military casualties, and its unfounded premises. Other students followed, speaking and signing a banner listing the names of the soldiers who have died in Iraq since the beginning of the war. Some of the students wore black armbands supplied by the Coalition for Peace Action.

Organizers Arantzazu Galdos, Aislim Bauer, Clare Joyce, and Russell Cavallaro expressed some displeasure with Mr. Snyder's letter, saying it was antithetical to the conciliatory attitude toward the walkout he seemed to display earlier in the week. They also noted that they had been told "not to bring in outside speakers because they would be escorted off."

A friendly exchange between students and PRS Superintendent Judy Wilson occurred just before the walkout began, however. Ms. Wilson, who was among the observers in front of the school, along with Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Lew Goldstein, told the students that she was "absolutely respectful" of what they were doing, and "very proud of their ability to analyze issues" and articulate their opinions. She praised how well-prepared they were for the event, while also noting that "we feel strongly about instruction, so teachers are moving forward with 7th period as usual."

— Ellen Gilbert

PROTESTING THE WAR: Over 100 Princeton High School students walked out of their seventh-period classes on March 19 as part of the nationwide Moratorium to protest the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq.

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House Calls: Basement Moisture

Q I'd love to convert my basement into a well-designed entertainment space. Unfortunately, it always feels damp down there. What should I do?

A Sounds to me like a case of *"Basement Ambivalence"* — a syndrome that's common to many a homeowner. On the one hand, you've got loads of free space just begging to be put to good use. On the other, you fear it could flood at any time and ruin everything. Before you install a movie theater, a wine cellar, or have your pool table delivered, I suggest you "take arms against a sea of troubles" by dealing with the water. First make your basement dry and healthy. Once that's been done, then renovate.

The initial step to a drier basement is to find out where and how the water's getting in. Your architect may advise that you hire a waterproofing consultant to evaluate your existing conditions and suggest solutions. But first become a water detective so you can make an informed decision when discussing your options.

Take a walk around your property. If the ground is sloping toward your house or there are areas next to the foundation where the soil is particularly low, water could be getting inside that way. If you have window wells, check them for water or puddles. Inspect your gutters and downspouts for debris and make sure the downspouts extend at least eight feet from your house. If downspouts connect to underground pipes, have them checked to make sure they were correctly installed and are still connected. Talk to your neighbors about how they've dealt with their water problems; you can gain insights into possible common local conditions, such as a high water table or runoff from an adjacent paved area.

Once you've finished looking around outside your house, continue your tour inside the basement. You may find leaking foundation cracks, puddles on the floor, damp, moldy or chalky patches on walls, an open sump pit, stuffy smells, and/or dripping mechanical equipment or pipes.

Some typical solutions to basement moisture problems are:

- Re-grade the ground outside so that it slopes away from your house.
- Clean gutters and downspouts and have any roof leaks repaired.
- Drain window wells to the exterior.
- Patch foundation cracks.
- Apply sprayed-on waterproofing and/or damp proofing on the walls.
- Install a perimeter drainage system either inside or outside or both.
- Install a tightly sealed, covered sump pit with a functioning sump pump and a battery back-up.
- Provide ventilation and use a dehumidifier to reduce humidity and condensation in summer.
- Run your dryer exhaust directly outside.
- Insulate any exposed piping.

When you've sorted out the best solution for your particular problem, be sure to seek expert advice before implementing any changes that could affect the structure of your house. One such change that will allow you to reap great design benefits is to increase the size of your window wells and add additional windows – facing south, if possible. By bringing natural light into the space, you can make the area feel more expansive and also allow fresh air to flow through it.

Once your moisture problems have been fixed, you're almost ready to renovate. First live through one or two extreme weather events (like a torrential rain or a major snow storm). If the space still stays dry, you can then go ahead with your renovation confident that you have created a drier, healthier house.

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enough affordable units; created an "unconstitutional" age preference in the 55-and-over standard; and provided a "lack of substantial and credible evidence" in rezoning the land.

The amended code places a cap of 158 units on the area, which falls in the Township's RSC-2 Zoning District, contingent on the approval of 12 sale units to be marketed as affordable, per federal provisions and state mandates. Specifically, the ordinance allows for 146 units, with eight moderate-income and four low-income units built into the development. In addition, there would be a commitment required from the developer to satisfy the growth share requirements, as reflected by the state's Council on Affordable Housing. However, because the COAH's latest round of affordable housing regulations is still under review, Princeton Township, along with other New Jersey municipalities, has yet to devise a new growth share ordinance. Any builder on the Bunn site would have to comply with any new requirements, as well as providing the 12 basic on-site affordable units.

According to new zoning provisions, 24 of the units built are required to be marketed to middle income households. The ordinance also stipulates a builder's compliance with the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards.

With this suit, however, any development there will be postponed for now. Daniel Harris, a Township resident and principal of People for Princeton Ridge, termed the amended zoning "an illegal ordinance that would irrevocably damage Princeton's environment." Mr. Harris pointed to a petition signed by 1,360 Princeton residents opposing the plan. He added that he hoped a drawn-out lawsuit could be avoided, calling for a "mutually acceptable resolution."

—Matthew Hersh

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From "Romeo and Juliet" to Real Estate, The Road Leads to Karl Light Boulevard

Although his acting career was book-ended by portrayals of Balthasar and Lord Montague in Shakespeare's *Romeo ond Juliet*, Karl Light's lead role, at least in the Princeton community, has always been that of real estate manager.

And now his name can be added to Princeton's Playbill ol street names. Earlier this month, Princeton Township Committee named the previously unnamed Princeton Community Village loop road "Karl Light Boulevard" to honor the man who oversaw the property's management for 32 years.

Mr. Light, 82, is retiring from the real estate world, but, he said, his interest in keeping Princeton diverse has never waned.

Having started his career as a fledgling (and later successful) actor in New York City, Mr. Light moved to Princeton with his wife Lucy James as a means of settling down while still working in the city.

Mr. Light performed alongside Ed Begley, Paul Muni, and Tony Randall in *Inherit the Wind* as the original Thomas Scopes. "I did quite well, I did OK, but I didn't want to live in New York," Mr. Light said.

By that time Mr. Light and Ms. James had three children, prompting her to make an interesting proposition: "She said 'I know you don't want me to do this, but why don't I get a real estate license?'"

The idea didn't sound half bad, Mr. Light said. "I decided I'd get one too."

Though he had made a name lor himself on the stage and the small screen, it was the real estate decision that would put the Karl Light name on the Princeton radar for good.

Opened in 1959, by 1975 K.M. Light Real Estate was managing Princeton Community Housing's (PCH) affordable housing developments. PCH, a non-profit organization, is now the largest manager of low- and moderate-income housing in the Princetons. And while Mr. Light left television acting in the 1980s, after roles in *The Doctors*, *Love Is a Many Splendored Thing*, and *Guiding Light*, he didn't make his exit from the stage until 2001, when he played Lord Montague in the McCarter Theatre production ol the play that had launched his acting career: *Romeo ond Juliet*.

Mr. Light's real estate business took off, and for the first 15 years, K.M. Light was "a perfectly normal real estate office, just selling houses," Mr. Light said. But then, in 1975, a sales associate, Marcy Crimmins (who went on to be the Housing Authority director) urged Mr. Light to apply to manage Princeton Community Village, doing maintenance, managing leases, and all of the bureaucratic work involved, Mr. Light said, in keeping the Princeton community diverse.

In 1985, PCH built Elm Court, and then Griggs Farm a few years later, and then, last year, Elm Court II, or Harriet Bryan House: "We just kept growing, and it was a great experience," Mr. Light said.

Mr. Light added that his interest in supplying affordable housing had grown as Princeton property values expanded. "The people who needed housing the most did not live in Princeton, and a lot of the people we're serving couldn't stay in town," he said, adding that he had "come to appreciate" the government subsidies lor people who were interested in building and managing affordable housing. "These were the lifelines for these residents."

Mr. Light specifically attributed the PCH success to its board, Executive Director Sandra Persichetti, and Ms. Crimmins. "They're so capable — they know where to go, who to talk to at HUD, and they've made this one of the most successlul not-for-profits, I think, in the state."

With Harriet Bryan House, PCH has built in the area of 500 units.

In retirement, Mr. Light, now a Hopewell resident, said he was sure that PCH, as a major operation, would have no problem sustaining itself. "New blood, as well as a new approach to management is good," he said. He also said that he would be catching up on some good reading. He's also taking a Princeton Adult School class on the Supreme Court.

The next stop for Mr. Light and Ms. James is Prospect Heights In Brooklyn, where they are moving to be close to family — two daughters, four grandchildren, two sons-in-law within two subway stops: "we'll have a support group, to say the least."

Brooklyn's gain is Princeton's loss, but the Township will have Karl Light Boulevard to symbolize Mr. Light's legacy.

—Matthew Hersh

ON THE STREETS WHERE WE LIVE: Il a new edition of Randy Hobler's and Jeanne Silvester's "Princeton: On the Streets Where We Live" Is published, "Karl Light Boulevard" can be added to replace the lormerly unnamed Princeton Community Village Loop Road. Mr. Light, principal ol K.M. Light real estate, has managed Princeton Community Housing's affordable housing developments since 1975 and Is retiring this year.

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On Tuesday, March 18, crews were sent to the Princeton House when someone reported an odor of natural gas. They used a meter but did not find any evidence of natural gas. They did discover a fire suppression sprinkler that had been accidentally activated, resulting in minor flooding.

The same day, volunteers were sent to a McCosh Circle residence for an odor of natural gas. They found a leak in the stove and shut off the gas until the utility company could arrive.

The final call that day was for an electrical fire in a dishwasher at a Hulfish Street restaurant.

On Friday, March 21, volunteers were sent to the Magee Apartments after excessive heat in the fire pump room set off the fire alarm. Princeton University crews were called on to alleviate the temperature in the pump room.

The following day, Saturday, March 22, crews responded to a call from a University Place resident who reported that the heating coils in the oven would not go out. The police tried unsuccessfully to extinguish it with a fire extinguisher. The sparking caused some smoke. Crews shut off the power to the oven, and ventilated the residence.

On Sunday, March 23, volunteers were called on to extinguish a small fire on the kiosk outside the Garden Theater on Nassau Street at Vandeventer Avenue. The fire was extinguished by the police before firefighters arrived.

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Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 48 calls for service last week.

On Sunday, March 16, the Squad responded for a soccer player who was injured after colliding with another player. She reported hearing a "cracking" sound in her knee during the impact and complained of severe pain. The crew splinted the injury and applied ice before transporting her to University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP).

On Monday afternoon, March 17, the Squad responded for an elderly man who fell Saturday night and had been unable to get up since then. He was found face down with his head in a corner during a welfare check. The crew secured the patient, who was slightly disoriented, to a spinal immobilization device, administered oxygen, and transported him to UMCP.

On Thursday, March 20, the Squad responded for a driver who hit a car parked on the side of the road. According to witness reports, the driver was swerving all over the road immediately prior to the collision. The patient, who reported she was dizzy, exhibited left-sided weakness and lethargy. The crew treated and transported her to UMCP.

On Friday, March 21, the Squad responded for a woman who injured her arm. Despite the clear appearance of a broken arm, the non-verbal woman did not appear distressed, moving her arm around with no sign of pain. The crew splinted the arm, applied ice, and transported her to UMCP.

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad is a non-profit organization. For more information on donation or volunteering opportunities, call 924-3338 or visit www.pfars.org.

Police Blotter

Princeton Borough

Norman Koenig, 62, of Trenton, was arrested March 20 at 10:56 p.m. for DWI while driving on Stockton Street.

Andy Joseph, 23, of Princeton Township was arrested March 15 at 2:39 a.m. after police found marijuana and other drug paraphernalia in his possession following a DWI stop on Stockton Street. Mr. Joseph was later released.

Edgar Soto, 29, of Philadelphia was arrested March 19 at 11:22 a.m. for giving Borough Police false information regarding his identity following a Stockton Street motor vehicle stop. Mr. Soto was later released.

The Princeton Borough Police Department has reported the following warrant arrests:

Shauna Jackson, 40, of North Brunswick, on March 15, at 3:49 p.m., for $235 in outstanding warrants out of West Windsor and Princeton Borough municipal courts;

Marcus Sheldon Johnson, 34, of Trenton, on March 19, at 1:23 a.m., for a $2,500 warrant out of Trenton Municipal Court;

Jennifer Council, 27, of Trenton, on March 19, at 9:02 a.m., for a $600 warrant out of East Orange Municipal Court;

Marco Rivera, 33, of Philadelphia, on March 19, at 11:27 a.m., for $533 in outstanding warrants out of West Windsor and Mt. Laurel municipal courts.

Princeton Township

Antonio Vicente Lopez, 35, of Princeton Township was arrested March 22 at 2:11 p.m. for giving police false information in regard to his identity following a motor vehicle stop on Princeton Pike. Mr. Lopez was later released.

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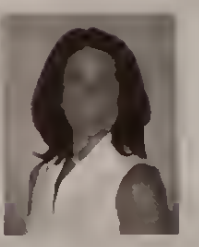

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land and a poorly designed methodology for projecting employment and household growth in each county and then assigning it to each municipality," the memorandum read.

But unlike Princeton Borough Council, whose members expressed serious reservations about the latest COAH recommendations and who spoke of opting out of the state's plan altogether, Princeton Township was urged by Ms. McKenzie to opt in. Specifically, Ms. McKenzie referenced a total of 112 units that could put a dent in the Township's 382-unit obligation. The Township's credits include 53 senior units at Elm Court II, the aforementioned 40 potential PCV units, five senior units at Acorn Glen, two Habitat for Humanity units, and 12 senior housing units that have been zoned for, though not explicitly approved, on any residential development on a 20-acre Bunn Drive tract.

The Township, Ms. McKenzie said, would be starting off with nearly one-third of its projected COAH obligation.

However, the consultant did say that the latest changes in COAH formula "will not cover nearly as much growth as we had previously counted on" when the Township prepared its existing COAH plan — the plan that was devised before the COAH regulations were tossed out by the courts.

Ms. McKenzie warned that opting out of the requirements expose the Township to builder's remedy lawsuits, as well as potentially encouraging developers to buck the Princeton Community Master Plan's goals of leaving the Township's large available parcels eligible for lower-density development.

Municipal Planning Director Lee Solow has prepared and submitted a letter to COAH objecting to parts of the proposed new formula. Ms. McKenzie said, adding that the New Jersey State League of Municipalities could file a lawsuit against COAH challenging the new rules, but at this point, she added, Township Hall should find ways to comply.

"The numbers are not realistic," said Township Administrator James Pascale, "but we have to plan for those numbers."

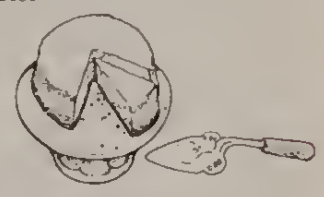
A municipal subcommittee or task force that would help to draft an ordinance complying with the new COAH numbers is likely to be put together.

—Matthew Hersh

Local Fare
from Princeton's kitchens

Dawn Orecchio's Cheesecake Recipe

from Dawn Orecchio, mother of Janeen Conforti, Town Topics Account Manager



4 8 oz packages of cream cheese
1 pt sour cream
1½ cups sugar
1 tsp vanilla
6 eggs beaten well until very flufffy before adding to the cream cheese mixture
3 tblsp flour

Mix together in order listed in mixer on high speed until very smooth.
Grease spring-form pan with crisco shortening and dust with graham cracker crumbs.

In a separate bowl, using a fork, blend together:
2 cups graham cracker crumbs,
1 tsp sugar
2 tblsp softened butter

Then pour graham cracker crumb mix into spring-form pan and pat down for crust.
Pour cream cheese mixture into spring-form pan.
Bake in oven at 350 degrees for 1 hour.
Open oven door and shut off oven for another hour - if a crack develops in the middle of the cake, that is a good sign.
Refrigerate until served.
Serve plain or with topping of choice.

More to come... Watch this space weekly for Princeton's favorite recipes.. *Provided by Robin Broomer, Town Topics*

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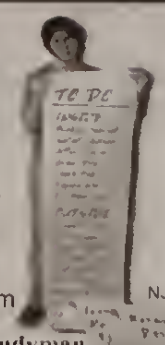

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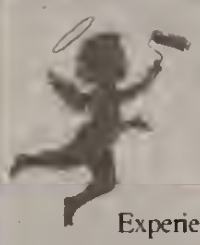

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The goals of the proposed budget, which will run from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, are, according to the website, to "maintain education programs and deliver excellence for all students; offset increases in state-mandated expenses with reductions and efficiencies; propose a budget under the 4 percent state cap on the local tax levy; reduce extremely high class sizes in some core academic courses at the high school, and reduce the costs of the Pre-K program while meeting the needs of children from economically challenged families."

The total tax levy to support the $72,694,856 budget will be $56,965,650, a 3.32 percent increase over last year. For the Township this represents a 1.03 cent decrease, while the Borough will pay 9.5 cents more in taxes. These figures are based on home sales data collected by the Mercer County Board of Taxation. The budget data and relevant explanations are all available on the "budget presentation" website, mentioned above.

The biggest hike in this year's budget, noted Ms. Wilson, is the state-mandated 12.4 percent benefits increase for support staff, amounting to $428,418, which, she said, "jumps off the page." She pointed out that bringing students attending out-of-district schools back into Princeton schools will result in fewer costs in that category. Other economies include a provision for seven fewer support positions; frozen school and departmental budgets; no new "alternative projects," prospective decreases in utility bills, efforts to pursue "greater efficiency" through consortia memberships, and more focus on grant-seeking. Income from the restructured Pre-K program will be $6,000 per economically-able child in the half-day program, and $12,000 for those attending full-day. Ms. Wilson also cited the Princeton Education Foundation as a source of support, and remarked on PRS's current "banner year" of awards and achievements.

Board member Alan Hegedus congratulated Ms. Wilson on the "well-presented" budget, noting that it achieved the "best balance to all constituencies — children, parents, property owners, and teachers."

Words of Thanks

Thursday marked the last public meeting for Mr. Mostoller, who has been a board member for six years, and Jeffrey Spear, a nine-year veteran. Both received "proclamations of appreciation" amid many reminiscences and words of thanks for their contributions.

Board member Walter Bliss, along with Daniel Haughton and Naomi Perlman will vie for two Township seats in the April 15 election, while Timothy Quinn will run unopposed for the Borough seat being vacated by Mr. Mostoller. A School Board Candidates' Night, sponsored by the Special Education PTO, will be held on Tuesday, April 8 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in the library of the John Witherspoon Middle School. The public is invited to attend.

Summer Program

Board member Mia Cahill reported on a Summer Enrichment Program that will be available to children in grades 4 through 12 this coming summer. Describing it as a "creative" program in a "camp-like setting," she said that it would include six-week courses for approximately $150 a week, with scholarships available for those who need them. Applications, which will be sent home with students on April 2, will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Details are available at http://www.prs.k12.nj.us/Curriculum/Summer/.

—Ellen Gilbert

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QUESTION: I've heard the expression, "To give is to receive". Do you believe that? How can giving really get you anything? Most people believe you should take from the other guy before he takes from you.

ANSWER: As the proof is in the pudding, let us take a close look at life. If you give your children very little quality time when they are young, spending more time on a golf course than at home, then your children may rarely drop by when they are adults, or, if they do, you may get the 15 minute, in-and-out "duty visit".

By contrast, if you take the time to listen to the feelings of your spouse, she may in turn listen to you when you are down in the dumps. Or again, if you shovel the driveway for your neighbor this winter when he is ill, he may mow your lawn next summer when you are on vacation.

But, what if your neighbor is "an ungrateful rat", who takes without giving in return? Should you revert to being Scrooge, or is there any benefit in giving without getting back. Yes, there is. You become more caring, sensitive and selfless. So what, you say? Consider this story.

Suppose St. Peter brought you into a big building in which there were two rooms, one marked "Heaven" and the other "Hell". In the room marked "Hell", you see a banquet table covered with the finest of foods and drink. There is turkey with all the fixings, roast beef, ham, and anything else that your heart desires. But, you must eat the food using the utensils, and all the knives, forks and spoons are eight feet long. So, everyone in the room is starving to death, it being Hell to be so close and yet so far from all that luscious food.

In the room marked "Heaven", you see the same picture, it still being required to use the silverware to eat the food. But, because these people were selfless instead of selfish during their lives, it occurs to them to feed each other, extending their utensils to the person sitting across from them at the table. They are having a great party, being very happy. Whereas in Hell, all that occurs to the people is how to get the food into their own mouths without the other person stealing it.

Therefore, while the situation was the same, how the people approached the situation was different. Their approach was determined by how they lived their lives, and the basic choices are to either give or take. Being charitable then means having your eyes opened to see solutions, where others can only see problems. It means not being blind to what true happiness is, and seeing "the takers" in life with less bitterness and more compassion. It means finding yourself by losing yourself. It means "to give is to receive."

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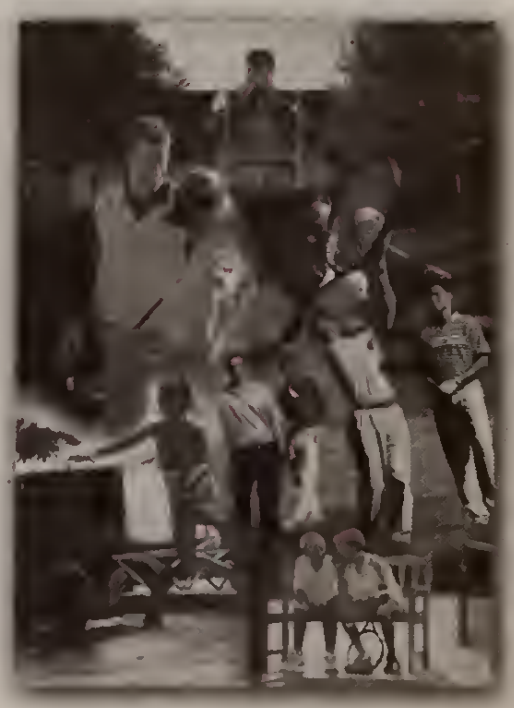

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Composer Paul W. Hofreiter Remembered For Contributions to Lawrenceville School

To the Editor:

The passing of Paul Wesley Hofreiter (Town Topics, March 19) is a great loss for the entire Princeton community and neighboring townships.

Paul was a master of most of the arenas for achievement in music. No conductor myself, as chair of the music department at The Lawrenceville School, I asked Paul to join our faculty and lead our fledging student orchestra. While Paul had an outlet for many of his gifts, it was the orchestra that I count as his biggest success. The students loved working with him, were loyal, and in an environment that eats up the time of gifted students, getting the young to after-hour rehearsals is no small achievement.

To me the peak of his gifts was shown in a concert staging of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* in his last year at Lawrenceville. He rehearsed the difficult orchestra score with the students all year. Enlisting student and faculty vocal talent for the major singing roles (maybe not the Queen of the Night), plus the wife of the Head Master as narrator, Paul pulled off the entire performance with great success. It was a performance that I am sure will remain in the minds and hearts of all who participated for many years.

Paul and his wife and life partner Janice will also be remembered for lively two-piano programs, especially arrangements of Gershwin favorites.

JACK ELLIS
Winant Road

Her "Hand of Cooperation to Borough" Commends Lambert for Township Post

To the Editor:

This is to urge support for Casey Lambert to be elected as a member of the Township Committee. Her civic contributions have been many over the years including her prior service on our Township Committee for the term ending December, 2004. In addition, she was an elected member of the 1995 Consolidation Commission; and, most recently, she has served as a member of the Flood Management Commission and the Princeton Environmental Commission.

Casey's seasoned, thoughtful judgment and willingness to work to put good ideas into effect will benefit our community. As a past founder and manager of a large company she has business and financial experience that is now more important than ever. She also has a keen interest in a stronger, effective environmental ethic in municipal decision making, something that has been lacking here in recent years.

We are fortunate that Casey is willing and enthusiastic to serve again on Township Committee. She will bring fresh perspectives, a genuine receptive attitude toward public opinion and participation, and an extended hand of cooperation to the Borough so essential to the well being of Princeton as a whole.

GRACE SINDEN
Ridgeview Circle

Princeton Schools Should Also Opt Out Of Heartland Program, Following Library

To The Editor:

The Board of Trustees of the Public Library and Leslie Burger deserve applause for their sensitive and courageous decision to opt out of the Heartland One Card plan. Whatever their reasons may have been, I believe there are more than sufficient reasons for Princeton Regional Schools to follow their lead.

Heartland's One Card plan is attractive to merchants whose volume or type of business justifies its cost. For example, Palmer Square, Hamilton Jewelers, and Main Street are avid supporters. For them, it can reduce card processing fees, redirect more business to their establishments, and probably return some money to sponsor institutions; i.e., those that issue a card valid for purchases from Heartland participants. Though that may sound like a good arrangement, we should look beyond the obvious and not be blinded by the promise of convenience and contributions down the road.

The fact that some small struggling merchants can not justify the expense, or simply cannot afford the substantial cost of signing on with Heartland, should give us pause. They, obviously, can not benefit. But some merchants can't afford to advertise, say Mr. Carr of Heartland and Mr. Marshall of Main Street, implying this is the same as not being able to afford Heartland. In fact, the cases are different. In one the open marketplace judges the worth of a business; in the other the marketplace is unfairly altered.

To explain: Merchants with severely limited advertising budgets learn not to expect the benefit a larger budget would yield, and they accept this. What they also do not expect though, or accept, is that a public institution that they support with their hard earned tax dollars should step into the marketplace and lend its good name to their better funded competitors. Letting the marketplace decide which businesses will succeed and which not is one thing. Skewing the marketplace is another. In endorsing only Heartland's clients, Princeton Regional Schools does just that, dividing the merchant community into insiders and outsiders and bringing potential injury and even annihilation to that community's weakest members. And, in the process, PRS hurts the larger Princeton community by engaging in a partnership that favors the more powerful over the less, and thwarts the Town's oft-stated goal of creating a truly diverse and welcoming business environment.

Heartland's One Card program has, apparently, passed legal muster.

Nonetheless, in my opinion, this program can not stand up to fair minded scrutiny. Princeton Regional Schools should reconsider its position.

LEO ARONS
Chambers Street

University's Payment in Lieu of Taxes Should Increase With Property Values

To the Editor:

There's an elephant in Princeton Borough, which bulges into the Township. And we Princetonians view our elephant, Princeton University, as John Godfrey Saxe's familiar blind men view theirs. One blind man, happening to grasp the elephant's trunk, announces that the elephant is a snake. Another, feeling the elephant's leg, decides the elephant is a tree. A third, grasping the ear, says the elephant is a fan. And so on.

Real blind people aren't so silly. They would feel the whole elephant — at least all they could reach. But some Princetonians do think the University's a snake. Others value the University's noble trees. Still others are fans of the cultural opportunities the University offers. But if we hotly defend our individual experiences of Princeton's elephant, then, as Saxe concludes, we're each partly right, but all of us are wrong.

Even Princetonians who encounter just one aspect of the University interpret it differently, as though some blind men found the elephant's trunk a strangling serpent; others, a hose gushing life-giving water. Some Princeton merchants think they'd get more business if the University's half of the Borough were houses, not campus — and if the Frist Center didn't compete for student dollars. Other merchants believe that University parents and tourists multiply their profits.

Similarly, some Princetonians believe the University provides jobs. Others think the University's service jobs offer low pay and benefits. Meanwhile, teaching positions go to recruits from outside Princeton who bid up house prices with University-subsidized mortgages.

Some Princetonians, finally, admire the University's generosity. It voluntarily keeps University residences that might house schoolchildren on our tax rolls. And, although the University pays the Township only $9,000 annually in lieu of the property taxes from which nonprofits are exempt, its voluntary PILOT to the Borough is now $1 million.

Other Princetonians think the University is stingy. Can an expanding institution with a $15.8 billion endowment be nonprofit? And if the University acknowledges that employees' children burden Princeton schools, why not keep all its property on the tax rolls since it all burdens the infrastructure Princetonians pay for?

What Princeton needs is fairer annual payments reflecting what's *off* our tax rolls. Our property taxes rise steadily as service costs rise. The University's payment should also rise, predictably, as a percentage of increasing tuition, ballooning endowment, or expanding property value. If the University paid taxes on all its property (even as currently under-assessed), Borough property taxes would drop by 25 percent, the Township's by 15 percent, and, astonishingly, the rest of Mercer County by five percent.

We Princetonians must therefore explore every aspect of our elephant. The University must disclose all planned expansion. Have we really been consulted about a $300 million arts district the University means to build for its 4,000 undergraduates? We focus on whether the Dinky station should move 500 feet. We should ask instead whether we want an even bigger elephant.

ANNE WALDRON NEUMANN
Alexander Street

Miller Admired For 'Wisdom' and 'Patience,' As Democrats Choose Primary Candidates

To the Editor:

I write today to support the re-election effort of my good friend and colleague, Princeton Township Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller.

I have had the pleasure of working with Bernie for many years. I first became aware of his considerable leadership skills as a member of the Princeton Cable Committee when Bernie served as chair. Bernie is more of a "doer" than a "talker," and I admired his wisdom, patience, and skill in leading that committee through the complexities of the cable franchise negotiation process without a lot of undue fuss, ultimately producing an agreement that was very good for our municipalities.

Bernie has brought those same qualities of leadership to his work on Princeton Township Committee. As a Borough elected official, I find Bernie's most valuable quality is his ability to listen and understand both sides of an issue. Particularly at this time when there is so much talk of tensions between the Borough and the Township, I know that with Bernie Miller I can count on a civil and reasoned discussion of even the most thorny issues, and a strong effort to bring about a resolution that is fair to both the Township and the Borough.

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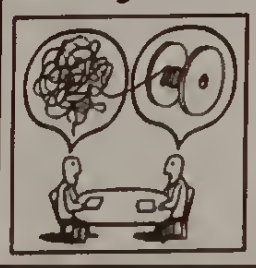
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Clubs

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Admission will be $12. For more information, call (609) 945-1883 or visit www.centraljerseydance.org.

The **Princeton Rug Society** will meet on Saturday, April 5 at 2:30 p.m. at the Lawrenceville Library on Darrah Lane at US Rte. 1.

Stefano Carboni, curator of the exhibit "Venice and the Islamic World, 828-1797" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art last year, will present an illustrated lecture related to the exhibition, which focused on the cultural and artistic relations between the Serene Republic and its Muslim neighbors in the Mediterranean region. Glass, textiles, carpets, ceramics, sculpture, metal work, furniture, arms and armor, paintings, drawings, prints, book binding, and manuscripts illuminate the Islamic contribution to the arts of Venice. The lecture will focus in particular on the pivotal role that textiles and carpets played in this artistic exchange, gift-giving, patronage, and the trade across the Mediterranean. Visitors are invited to hear the talk and meet members who share interest in oriental carpets and other textiles.

Inquiries about the meeting or the Princeton Rug Society should be addressed to John Lowrance at (732) 274-0774.

The **Central Jersey Group nf tbe New Jersey Sierra Club** will meet on Wednesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the West Windsor Branch Library, 333 North Post Road, Princeton Junction. The speaker, Michelle Ruggiero of the New Jersey DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife, will talk on the topic, "Know the Black Bear Facts."

Black bears are native to New Jersey and now are found in all counties. Ms. Ruggiero will bring a bear cub to the meeting and discuss ways to safely co-exist with black bears.

For more information, call Terry Stimpfel, chairwoman of the Central Jersey Group, at (609) 731-7016.

The **Princeton Varsity Club** will hold its annual Spring Coaches Luncheon on Thursday, April 10 at noon in the Class of 1956 Lounge at Princeton Stadium, section 9. Head coaches Bill Tierney, Chris Sailer, Bob Callahan, and Trina Salcido, will provide season updates, and invited varsity players will speak about their student-athlete experience at Princeton. Admission will be $15 at the door for non PVC members.

On Thursday, April 17, the Varsity Club will welcome Craig Masback '77, former CEO of USA Track and Field, as part of the Jake McCandless '51 Speaker Series, at 7:30 p.m. in Dodds Auditorium, Richardson Hall. Mr. Masback, currently the Director of Business Affairs for Nike's Global Sports Marketing Division, will speak on "The Enduring Values of Sports: Facing Up to the Challenges of the 21st Century." The event is free and open to the public.

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Calendar

Wednesday, March 26

4:30 p.m.: Readings by Novelist Claire Messud and poet Edward Hirsch; Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street. Free.

6 p.m.: Talk and book discussion with Chinua Achebe, author of *Things Fall Apart*; Nassau Presbyterian Church.

7:30 p.m.: *Argonoutiko*; McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: U.S. 1 Poets Invite series with Mimi Schwartz and J.C. Todd; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Talk by Dabney C. T. Davis on "Women, Flintlock Muskets, and Tactics in the Revolutionary War"; Mary Jacobs Library, Rocky Hill.

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Environmental Commission; Room A, Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: *An Internotionol Jozz Colloborotion* with Amparo from The Royal Academy of Music in Stockholm, Sweden, and Princeton's Crossing Borders Improvisational Music Ensemble; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

Thursday, March 27

12:15 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory at Nassau series with soprano Danielle Sinclair, mezzo-soprano Denise Mihalik; Nassau Presbyterian Church. Free.

6 p.m.: New Writers' Night with New Jersey authors Bruce Cooke, Barbara Ann Ellicott, David Biddle, W. L. Hoffman, Norma La Fleur, and Robert A. Miller; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

7 p.m.: Sesome Street Live; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton. Also Friday at 10:30 a.m., Saturday at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory Gallery Concert Series with Franklin Strings; Rider University Art Gallery. Free.

8 p.m.: Momix; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Friday, March 28

8 p.m.: Jazz Friday Series with Stanley Jordan; Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown.

8 p.m.: Dance Improv, Live; All Saints' Church.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Mike Stankewicz and John Briggs; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Singin' in the Roin*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Patriots Theatre at the War Memorial, Trenton.

8 p.m.: *Disney's High School Musicol*; The Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 29

1:30 p.m.: Opera New Jersey "Spring Encore Opera" performance; PHS Senior Living Center, Meadow Lakes, East Windsor. Free.

6:30 p.m.: Stringzville; Hopewell Valley Bistro, Hopewell.

7:30 p.m.: Musical, *Domoscus Rood*; Mackay Campus Center, Princeton Theological Seminary. Free.

8 p.m.: Jazz pianist/composer Omar Sosa; Richardson Auditorium. Free.

8 p.m.: Songwriter-folksinger David Brahinsky; Princeton Center for Yoga & Health, Skillman.

8:30 p.m.: Gravity Hill roadhouse band; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

Sunday, March 30

3 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

3 p.m.: 70th anniversary concert by American Boychoir and its alumni; Richardson Auditorium.

4 to 6 p.m.: Friends of the Princeton University Library Book Adoption Party; Chancellor Green Library, Princeton University.

7:30 p.m.: Practittoners of Musick concert, "The Great Mister Handel"; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Monday, March 31

Recycling

7:30 p.m.: Second Chance Cinema screening of *Letter from Iwo Jimo*; Kresge Auditorium, Princeton University.

Tuesday, April 1

4:30 p.m.: Talk by Newsweek's Howard Fineman, "Once in a Lifetime: The Election of 2008"; Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall, Princeton University.

7:30 p.m.: *Argonautiko*; McCarter Theatre. Also Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Talk about current politics with Josh Marshall, founder of Talking Points Memo, and Princeton University Professor of History Anthony Grafton; McCosh Hall 50.

Wednesday, April 2

12:30 p.m.: Noontime Recital Series with pianist Kathleen Milly, violinist Robert Ellis, and cellist Peggy Skemer; Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church. Free.

4:30 p.m.: Talk by Newt Gingrich on "Real Change: Bringing Health and Healthcare into the World that Works"; Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall, Princeton University.

Thursday, April 3

7:30 p.m.: Talk, book signing by Food Network stars Jamie and Bobby Deen; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

Friday, April 4

Noon: Talk by Harvard University Prof. Samantha Power on "War Crimes and Genocide Today: What Can One Person Do?"; Bowl 016, Robertson Hall, Princeton University.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Program in Theater & Dance production of *Oronge Womon, A Ballad for o Moor*; Berlind Theatre. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Evito*; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Also Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Singin' in the Rain*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Cyrano de Bergeroc*; Heritage Center, 635 North Delmorr Avenue, Morrisville, Pa. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 6 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Disney's High School Musicol*; The Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Six one-act plays by New Jersey playwrights; Passage Theatre, Trenton. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 5

3:30 p.m.: Bravo Winds Trio; Princeton Public Library. Free.

6:30 p.m.: Karen Zumbrunn Trio; Hopewell Valley Bistro & Inn, Hopewell.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra concert of works by Hungarian Composers; Patriots Theatre at the War Memorial, Trenton.

8 p.m.: Irish step dancers The StepCrew; Mount Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown.

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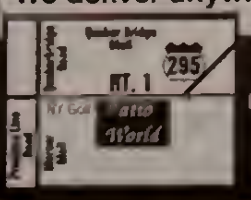

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Nassau Club Presents Lecture by Historian

The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route in New Jersey Association (W3R-NJ), a non-profit organization formed to promote, preserve, and commemorate the march of the French and allied expeditionary forces through New Jersey, will be hosting a breakfast lecture and book signing with New Jersey historian John T. Cunningam at the Nassau Club of Princeton, 6 Mercer Street, on Saturday, March 29 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Mr. Cunningham's presentation will focus on French/American relations during the final years of the Revolutionary War. Following his talk, he will be available to sign copies of his latest book, *The Uncertain Revolution - Washington and the Continental Army at Morristown*. The event is open to the public and tickets are $25 per person. For reservations please call (908) 930-6491.

Mr. Cunningham's new book picks up the American Revolution at the point where Washington paused north of Princeton after the decisive Battle of Princeton. He then explores the harsh circumstances and geography of this region during the War of Independence.

Mr. Cunningham has long been known as "New Jersey's popular historian," a title bestowed upon him by the New Jersey Historical Commission. Well known in the state's schools, his extensive program of New Jersey studies features the noted text, *You, New Jersey and The World*. His first book, *This is New Jersey*, published in 1953, has never gone out of print. The New York Times said: "He helped to give New Jersey legitimacy."

One of the founders of the New Jersey Historical Commission, he has served as its chair and president.

With years of experience as a reporter on a major New Jersey newspaper, Mr. Cunningham considers himself to be a historian who approaches his writing with a journalist's quest for truth combined with a style accessible to all readers.

Author of Memoir Will Talk at Seminary

Princeton Theological Seminary's Erdman Center of Continuing Education will present the third event of its "Meet the Author" spring book series on Tuesday, April 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. when Linda Mercadante will discuss her memoir, *A Jewish-Catholic Jersey Girl's Spiritual Journey*.

In her book, Ms. Mercadante traces her ongoing spiritual journey from her childhood in a Newark, New Jersey, apartment above the bakery owned by her Italian Catholic father and Jewish mother.

An ordained minister, Ms. Mercadante is currently professor of theology at Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio.

The series, which features authors speaking on the topic of literature responding to a changing world is free and open to the public (space is limited, so register early). The event will be held in the Erdman Center, 20 Library Place in Princeton. Online registration is available at: www.ptsem.edu/ce/bookclub, via email: coned@ptsem.edu, or call (609) 497-7990.

Messud and Hirsch Reading at Stewart

Novelist Claire Messud and poet Edward Hirsch will be reading from their works on Wednesday, March 26 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lewis Center for the Arts' James M. Stewart Theatre, 185 Nassau Street. Ms. Messud will be introduced by Michael Wood and Mr. Hirsch by C.K. Williams.

Ms. Messud, whose mother is Canadian and father of Algerian origin, was born in the United States, grew up in Australia and Canada, and returned to the United States as a teenager. In all of her writing, including her most recent novel, *The Emperor's Children* (2006), which is being adapted into a film by Ron Howard, she explores the chasm between subjective and objective reality and the ways in which people struggle to bridge that chasm in their lives. Called a novelist of "unnerving talent," she has created in *The Emperor's Children* what New York Times book reviewer Meghan O'Rourke has described as a "masterly comedy of manners — an astute and poignant evocation of hobnobbing glitterati in the months before and immediately following September 11th."

Edward Hirsch has published seven collections of poems, four books of prose, and edited Theodore Roethke's *Selected Poems* (2005) and a host of critical works. His book *How to Read a Poem and Fall in Love with Poetry* (1999) was a national bestseller. He has received a Guggenheim Fellowship, the American Academy of Arts and Letters Award for Literature, and a MacArthur Fellowship. He is the president of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. In his latest and most personal book of poems, *Special Orders* (2008), he examines what he calls "the minor triumphs, the major failures" of his life thus far.

The reading, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by Princeton University's Program in Creative Writing, Althea Ward '21 Reading Series. For more information about the Reading Series and upcoming arts events at the Lewis Center visit www.princeton.edu/arts.

Princeton Public Library Hosts U.S. 1 Poets Invite

Mimi Schwartz and J.C. Todd will be the featured poets in the March edition of the U.S. 1 Poets Invite series at Princeton Public Library on Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Schwartz and Ms. Todd will read for twenty minutes each, followed by an open mic session.

Ms. Schwartz's book, *Good Neighbors, Bad Times--Echoes of My Father's German Village*, was released this year. Her short work has appeared in more than a dozen publications, and five of her essays were selected as "notables" in *Best American Essays*. She is professor emeritus at Richard Stockton College and has been a MacDowell Fellow, a Geraldine R. Dodge Fellow, and a Princeton University Faculty Fellow.

Ms. Todd's poetry collection, *What Space This Body*, was published this year. Currently a visiting lecturer in Creative Writing at Bryn Mawr College, she is also the author of two chapbooks, and her poems have appeared in *The American Poetry Review*, *The Paris Review*, *Prairie Schooner*, and *Shade and Verse Daily*. Ms. Todd is the recipient of the Leeway Award for Poetry and an international exchange fellowship to Schloss Wiepersdorf arts colony in Germany.

The U.S. 1 Poets Invite brings regional poets to the Princeton Public Library for monthly readings and open mic sessions. Co-sponsored by the library and U.S. 1 Poets' Cooperative, the series is coordinated by poet and editor Lois Marie Harrod. The cooperative will celebrate the release of the 35th anniversary issue of its journal, *U.S. 1 Worksheets*, on Sunday, April 6 at 2 p.m. at the library. The Poets Invite series continues on Wednesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m., when Bonnie Minick and Christine E. Salvatore will read in the Community Room.

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Medical Center Presents Sixth Annual Exhibition of Artists with Disabilities

The Auxiliary of the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) is presenting the sixth annual ArtFirst! international art exhibition and sale showcasing the works of professional artists with disabilities, from April 5 though May 9, in the medical center lobby.

This year's ArtFirst! features nearly 300 paintings, prints, mixed media, photography, ceramics, sculpture and jewelry from more than 100 American and international artists, some from as far away as India, Poland, and Guatemala.

Attracting seasoned art collectors and first-time buyers, ArtFirst! is a signature fundraising event for the Auxiliary, which is dedicating the proceeds to the hospital's Maternal Child Health Program.

A Patrons Preview Party will take place on Saturday, April 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. at UMCP. Potential buyers should be advised that a significant portion of the catalog typically sells on this opening night. Tickets range from $75 to $300 and can be obtained online by visiting www.princetonhcs.org/auxiliary and clicking on "ArtFirst!", or by calling (609) 497-4211.

Admission is free from April 6 on.

Jurors for the exhibit are Delaware Valley artists Tony LaSalle of LaSalle Gallery in Lambertville, and Gordon Haas of Lambertville's Haas Gallery.

Among the artists exhibiting is photographer Leigha Emma Cohen of Lawrenceville, whose landscape shots were taken at the Jersey shore or at her favorite haunt, the Delaware Raritan Canal and Lake Carnegie. A former electrical engineer at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, she has been struggling for several years with bipolar disorder, chronic pain syndrome, and cognitive disorders.

Another artist, Vimala Gade of South Brunswick, who was born in India and came to the United States in 1988, displays her technique in many mediums: watercolors, acrylics, oils, pencil and paint on silk fabric. Working with limited mobility due to the effects of rheumatoid arthritis, she exhibits her artwork locally and credits painting with keeping her mind alive and active.

Kay Jones of Plainsboro has had work in many juried shows in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. One of her pieces was a purchase award winner in the New Jersey Historical Commission Show. She was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1989.

Another artist whose work can be seen in ArtFirst! is Jeff Belpanno of Hightstown, who started painting in the fall of 2001, three years after he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease at the age of 40.

"DON'T FENCE ME IN": This piece by Kay Jones of Plainsboro is among the nearly 300 works that will be on view when The Auxiliary of the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) presents its the sixth annual ArtFirst! exhibition and sale showcasing the works of professional artists with disabilities. The show will run from April 5 though May 9, in the medical center lobby. Admission is free after April 6.

ON VIEW AT UMCP: Artist Vimala Gade of South Brunswick created this work, which will be part of the ArtFirst! exhibition in the lobby at the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) through May 9. The exhibit opens with a Patrons Preview Party on Saturday, April 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. with tickets ranging from $75 to $300. From April 6 through May 9 there is no admission charge. Tickets for the preview party can be obtained online by visiting www.princetonhcs.org/auxiliary and clicking on "ArtFirst!", or by calling (609) 497-4211.

SETTING UP THE SHOW: Taking a break from setting up the Garden State Watercolor Society Members' Art Show at Princeton Day School are (from left) Susanna Anastasia, Joe Loeffler, President Ruth Kaufman, Ann Michels, and Charles McVicke. The show opens with a reception on Friday, April 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. The show will continue through April 29.

"TERMINAL TOWER WITH HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE, CLEVELAND": This gelatin silver print from 1928 by Margaret Bourke-White can be seen in "Modern Times," an exhibition of American prints, drawings and photographs spanning the period between the Spanish-American War and the outbreak of World War II. From the collection of Theodore and Elizabeth Rogers, the exhibit will be in the Hutchins Galleries at the Gruss Center of Visual Arts at The Lawrenceville School from March 28 through April 25. An opening reception will be held on Friday, March 28, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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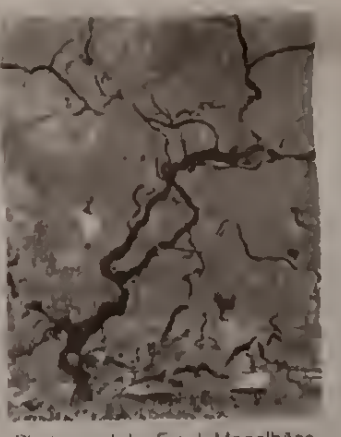

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"Illumination," an exhibition of nautical prints from Princeton area photographer Deborah Land will be on view at the Schotland Gallery, 123 Main Street in Flemington from April 5 through May 3. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, April 5 between 4 and 6 p.m.

In this series of digitally mastered photographs, Ms. Land explores the "enigmatic quality of light — from the sun, the moon, glass and water reflections, incandescent and fluorescent glow." Citing the dictionary definition of illumination as "the act or instance of illumination," she observes that upon tripping the camera's shutter, it is in that instant that the constant flux of light is "miraculously captured in photographic images for the viewer's contemplation."

Some of these photos were taken at dawn in the harbor at Rockport, Maine, others on Cape Cod. Most were shot with a digital camera, but some incorporate film as well, with the merging of the two disciplines. The nautical images were inspired by the paintings of William Turner. Ms. Land chose a large printing format of 20" x 30" to reinforce the idea of the "grand sea." Although trained as a painter in post abstract expressionism and color field painting, she was attracted to photographic digital imaging as a way to use color as she had with paint. The digital technique enabled her to layer images and shift the focus to different aspects of the images. Her earliest experiments with darkroom photography involved making "sandwich" prints, a difficult but rewarding task of printing two negatives simultaneously. This early training prepared her for the digital equivalent. When asked if she had given up film forever, her response was "absolutely not." She sees "incredible possibilities" in the merging of the two disciplines.

Deborah Land received a bachelor of fine arts from Bennington College and a masters in fine art from Hunter College. She has exhibited at many group and solo exhibitions, and her work can be found in prominent museums and private collections.

Schotland Gallery is one of the only galleries in New Jersey exclusively devoted to photographic art. Hours are by appointment only.

"SIGNATURE IMAGE": Inspired by the paintings of William Turner, this work by Princeton area photographer Deborah Land is part of "Illumination," an exhibition of nautical prints on view at the Schotland Gallery, 123 Main Street in Flemington from April 5 through May 3. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, April 5 between 4 and 6 p.m.

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Area Exhibits

Artists' Gallery in Lambertville is presenting a joint exhibit featuring pen and ink drawings by Jennifer Cadoff and pastel paintings by Doug Sardo through April 6.

ARTWORKS on Stockton Street in Trenton across from the DMV near the Rt. 1 & 129 on/off ramps is presenting an exhibit of sculptors, all members of the Sculptors Association of New Jersey (SANJ).The exhibit runs through Saturday, April 26.

The Bernstein Gallery is presenting, "Looking at the Sequential Dialectic," several pages from Michael LaRiccia's upcoming graphic novel, *The Death of Black Mane and the Feared Self.* The exhibition runs through April 4. Gallery hours are 9 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Brodsky Center Gallery at the Heldrich Hotel and Conference Center, 10 Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick, is presenting "Passage to Jersey: Women Artists of the South Asian Diaspora in our Midst" through July 31. Featured artists are Siona Benjamin, Anuradha Das, Priya Kambli, Swati Khurana and Ela Shah. The related exhibition, "Tiger by the Tail! Women Artist of India Transforming Culture — Part 1," will be on view, also through July 31, in the Mabel Smith Douglass Room at the Douglass Library, 8 Chapel Drive, New Brunswick.

D&R Greenway in the Johnson Education Center at One Preservation Place in Princeton will host the New Jersey Pastel Painters Society's 2008 Members' Show, "Flora and Fauna in Pastel: Focus on New Jersey," from March 31 to May 9 in the Marie L. Matthews Gallery. The exhibition can be viewed during business days, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to the Artists' Opening Reception on Friday, April 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Reservations are requested; visit www.drgreenway.org or call (609) 924-4646. All art is for sale, 35 percent of the proceeds going to support D&R Greenway's land preservation and stewardship mission.

Firestone Library is presenting an exhibition of rare books, coins, medals and manuscripts, "Numismatics in the Renaissance," in the main gallery through July 20. A show highlighting the artistic collaborations of French poet Paul Éluard and Catalan artist Joan Miró will run through Sunday, June 29, in the Leonard L. Milberg Gallery for the Graphic Arts.

The Gallery at Chapin, 4101 Princeton Pike, will celebrate Earth Month with an exhibition entitled "Two Views of Nature" by photographer Valerie Bowe and sculptor Beverly Frederricks, from April 1 to May 2. The public is invited to an opening on Wednesday, April 2 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Gallery at Mercer County Community College will exhibit "Mercer County Artists 2008" through April 3. This annual exhibit is a collaboration between the college and The Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission. The Gallery is located in the Communications Building, second floor, on MCCC's West Windsor campus, 1200 Old Trenton Road. For additional information and Gallery hours for this exhibit, e-mail gallery@mccc.edu or call (609) 570-3589.

Gallery 14 at 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell is hosting "Variations on a Theme," an exhibit by Frank Magalhães in the main gallery. In the Small Gallery: "Remnants," photographs by Maia Reim. The show runs through April 13.

Grounds for Sculpture is presenting "Focus on Sculpture," a juried exhibition of photographs by amateur photographers sharing sculpture as subject matter, through April 27. On Saturday, March 29 from 11a.m. – 3 p.m., the work of the late sculptor, Isaac Witkin, will be celebrated in the First Annual Artists' Spotlight event. The Tots on Tour program where 3 to 5 year olds can learn about sculpture through interactive activities takes place the third Saturday of every month, April through October at 11a.m. Free with park admission, rain or shine. One adult must accompany each child. No reservations are necessary, but space is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register and meet in the Visitors' Center. For more information on Grounds For Sculpture's Special Events, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Gruss Center of Visual Arts at The Lawrenceville School is presenting "Modern Times" in the Hutchins Galleries from March 28 through April 25. An opening reception will be held on Friday, March 28, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Historical Society of Princeton, Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street, is presenting an exhibition of Princeton in the 1930s that will run through July. Docent led tours are on Saturdays: April 12, May 10, June 14 at 2 pm. Curator Museum Tours, 300 years of Princeton History, are on Fridays: March 28, April 25, May 30 and June 27—3 pm; Walking Tour of Princeton, 1.9 mile guided tour, allow 2 hours, meet outside at 2 p.m., $7, $4 for children 6-12. No reservations. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday 12 to 4 p.m.; free admission, donations accepted. For more information, call (609) 921-6748 or visit www.princetonhistory.org.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown will be presenting "Elsie Driggs: The Quick and the Classical" through April 12. "Color: Ten African American Artists" will run in the Fred Beans Gallery through July 6. "The Holy Experiment: Violet Oakley Mural Studies," featuring 13 original oil on canvas studies for murals in the Governor's Reception Room of the Pennsylvania Capitol Building in Harrisburg, will be on view through March 30 in the Pfundt Gallery.An outdoor sculpture exhibit featuring Susan Opie will run through June 22. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is presenting "The Magyar Imagination: Selections from the Salgo Trust Donation of Hungarian Art" through March 30. "Honoré Daumier and La Maison Aubert: Political and Social Satire in Paris" will run through June 1. "Art Nouveau Illuminated: Lamps from the Sigmund Freedman Bequest" will be on view through April 20. "Art for the Dance: Russian Costume and Stage Designs from the Riabov Collection" and "Russian Dance: Selections from the Donation of Herbert and Ruth Schimmel," will be on view through July 31. "From Here to the Horizon: American Landscape Prints from Whistler to Celmins" will run through July 27. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

The Jewish Center of Princeton at 435 Nassau Street in Princeton has announced that it's extending the exhibit of paintings by Gilda K. Aronovic in its gallery to April 27. The closing reception is on April 6, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The Lewis Center for the Arts at 185 Nassau Street is hosting a senior thesis exhibition featuring an installation by Jon Huddelson '08 in the Lucas Gallery March 25-28, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Mariboe Gallery, CAPPS, Peddie School, Ward Avenue in Hightstown is presenting Ryan Rosenberg's paintings and digital graphics from March 28 through April 18. Opening Reception and Gallery Talk: March 28 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The Mercer County Community College Art Gallery is showing selected artwork from the 2008 juried exhibition through April 3. Gallery Hours are Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call (609) 586-4800 ext. 3589. Applications for this year's Mercer County Teen Arts Festival, scheduled for May 16, are now available for teens, ages 13 to 19, at www.nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/teen.html. The Mercer County Park Commission is also seeking arts professionals who want to share their talents with middle and high school aged students. These professionals will be asked to lead workshops and critique student work and performances. Interested individuals should contact Katie Bahlck by calling (609) 989-6060.

Morven Museum & Garden is presenting Ben Again, a pop culture memorabilia exhibit through March celebrating Ben Franklin in Pop culture.

The NJ State Museum will host its second Family Arts Festival on Sunday, March 30. The one-day art and art-making extravaganza will offer an array of art-making activities and entertainment inspired by cultures from around the world.

The Pennswood Village Art Gallery at 1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road, Newtown, Pa. (Route 413 South), is presenting Bucks county sculptor George R. Anthonisen, his son, riverscape painter Daniel Anthonisen, and his award-winning puppeteer daughter, Rachel Anthonisen-Gates, in "Three Anthonisens," which opens Sunday, March 30, with a reception from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The show runs through June 1.

The Present Day Club at 12 Stockton Street in Princeton is exhibiting the works of Annette Adrian Hanna through April 28. For more information, call (609) 452-2525.

Princeton Day School is hosting the 2008 Garden State Watercolor Society Member Exhibition in the Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery through April 29. The exhibition features work by more than 40 artists. The gallery is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 1 to 29, with the exhibit closed from March 17 to 31 for Spring Break. The public is invited to an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 4, at the gallery. Visitors also are welcome to view the exhibit by appointment on weekends. Call (609) 924-6700 or visit www.pds.org.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting through June 8 "Invoking the Comic Muse: Toulouse-Lautrec's Parody of The Sacred Grove," a focus exhibition centered on a painting by Lautrec that simultaneously pokes fun of and pays homage to the winner of the highest prize at the 1884 Salon, Puvis de Chavannes's *Sacred Grove Dear to the Arts and Muses.* The museum will mark its 125th anniversary with an exhibit of many of its most important works from all areas of the collection in "An Educated Eye: Princeton University Art Museum Collections," which will be on view through June 15. "Early Warhol in Context" will be on view through June 8

Riverrun Gallery at the Lace Works Building, 287 South Main Street, Route 29, Lambertville, is presenting an exhibition of paintings by Gretchen Ney Laugier through March 31.

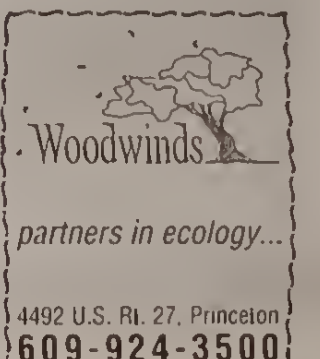
The Schotland Gallery at 123 Main Street in Flemington will be hosting an exhibition of nautical prints from Princeton area photographer Deborah Land, with an opening reception on Saturday, April 5 between 4 and 6 p.m.The exhibit will continue through May 3.

Small World Coffee at 14 Witherspoon is presenting an exhibit by Princeton native Stephen Zorochin through April 1. An exhibit by Marie Danysh will run from April 1 to May 5. Handmade fabric wall hangings by Princeton resident Glynn Chesnut will be on display at the 254 Nassau Street branch of Small World through April 3. "Nature & Spirit", a 35mm black and white photography exhibit by Lauren Curtis, will run at 254 Nassau Street from from April 4 to May 6. An opening reception with light refreshments will be held on Friday, April 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. Hours 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park will be hosting an exhibit of works from artists Kristin Lerner and Jules Schaeffer through April 13. On Friday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. "Preserving a National Treasure in the City Of Trenton,"a lecture on preserving Cadwalader Park will be presented by Timothy Marshall, principal and owner of ETM Associates. Mr. Marshall was formerly the Deputy Administrator and Vice President for the Central Park Conservancy.

The University League at 171 Broadmead, Room 201, in Princeton is presenting "Seeking Paths" by Ifat Shatzky. The exhibit will open with a reception from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on April 4 and will be on view April 5 and 6 and April 12 and 13 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The University Medical Center at Princeton is presenting "ArtFirst!," an international art exhibition and sale showcasing the works of professional artists with disabilities, from April 5 though May 9, in the medical center lobby. A Patrons Preview Party will take place on Saturday, April 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. at UMCP. Tickets range from $75 to $300 and can be obtained online by visiting www.princetonhcs.org/auxilliary and clicking on "ArtFirst!" or by calling (609) 497-4211.



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THIS WEEK AT THE MUSEUM

Events

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"Performing the Passion: *Christ before Pilote* by a Follower of Hieronymus Bosch"
Todor Petev, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Art and Archaeology
March 28, 12:30 p.m., and
March 30, 3:00 p.m.

Art for Families
"Here Comes the Bride"
Claudia Fountaine, museum docent
Hope VanCleaf, art teacher
March 29, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
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Museum Workshop
"Reading Maya Hieroglyphs: An Introductory Workshop"
Bryan Just, Assistant Curator of the Art of the Ancient Americas
April 5, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., and
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Jason and the Argonauts Sail the Seas of Adventure and Romance In Mary Zimmerman's Playful, Ingenious Staging of an Epic Tale

The young maiden Medea, dressed in white, sits shyly in the corner of the room, as her father King Aietes defiantly rejects Jason's plea for the Golden Fleece. She does not see the arrow shot from the bow of Eros, the god of love, traveling slowly towards her, carried in the hand of Aphrodite. The arrow pierces Medea's heart, the red stain gradually spreads across the front of her dress, and no matter how hard she tries, Medea is unable to dislodge this arrow of love from her breast. She is at the mercy of "love the destroyer," a helpless pawn of the gods' intrigues, hopelessly and fatally in love with Jason.

"The task is to find the essence through compression," declares Mary Zimmerman, the writer and innovative director of *Argonautika*, playing at McCarter's Matthews Theatre through April 6. In this poignant, visually stunning moment where Medea suffers the wound of Eros' arrow, and in so many other ingenious, theatrically captivating moments throughout the evening, Ms. Zimmerman does just that. In dozens of scenes, with episodes taking place on land, sea and in the air, *Argonautika*, with its talented, athletic ensemble of fourteen playing scores of different roles, captures with flair and focus the essences of the numerous incidents in Jason's heroic quest.

Adapted freely from the 3,000-year-old Greek myth of *Jason and his Quest for the Golden Fleece*, Ms. Zimmerman's tale is rich in adventure and romance, scheming gods and mighty heroes, nobility, treachery and humanity.

What brings this epic tale to life on stage and creates the kind of magic here that has won Ms. Zimmerman a MacArthur Foundation "genius grant," a Tony Award for her Broadway adaptation of Ovid's *Metamorphoses* and abundant acclaim for her previous productions of *The Odyssey* and *The Secret in the Wings* at McCarter, is the sheer ingenuity and exuberance of her theatricality.

Ms. Zimmerman's theater, drawing heavily on traditions of children's theater and puppet theater and a rehearsal method that puts a premium on spontaneity and improvisation, is characterized by visual surprises, daring theatrics and an air of playful creativity. Contemporary spins and inconsistencies in style and language abound, and add to the fun. Gifted costume designer Ana Kuzmanic and puppetry designer Michael Montenegro have contributed richly to the delightful and dazzling effects. *Argonautika* premiered at the Lookinggiass Theatre Company in 2006, and this production comes to Princeton from successful runs at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre in California and the Shakespeare Theatre Company in Washington, D.C.

Despite dark shadows that loom from start to finish, most notably in the saga of Medea that dominates the second of two acts, *Argonautika* is more rollicking adventure than tragedy. It is full of whimsy, humor, and high spirits in the face of a dazzling array of human, natural, and supernatural adversities. Ms. Zimmerman's particular craft lends itself more readily to the rollicking adventure-story elements of the first act than to the somber love story of the second. There are riveting moments here in the Jason-Medea encounter, but this production makes no claim to rival the psychological and emotional depths of Euripides' powerful *Medea*.

The words in Ms. Zimmerman's script almost always take a back seat to the visual effects, the spectacle and the theatricality. The text does not rise to the lofty heights of epic or tragedy, and, occasionally, in the vast Matthews Theatre setting, the lines do not project with sufficient clarity and volume.

MOTHER-SON MACHINATIONS: Aphrodite (Tessa Klein, right) calls on her mischievous, airborne son Eros (Ronete Levenson), the god of love, to plot the romance of Jason and Medea in Mary Zimmerman's "Argonautika," playing at McCarter's Matthews Theatre through April 6. *(Photo by T. Charles Erickson)*

Mary Zimmerman aficionados may find *Argonautika* more grand in scope, and — particularly on McCarter's huge stage — less intimate and nuanced than *Metamorphoses*. They may find this play less rich in psychological depth and insight than *The Secret in the Wings*, and they may find the text less literary than Homer's mighty lines (as translated by Robert Fitzgerald) in Ms. Zimmerman's *The Odyssey*.

But the appeal of *Argonautika* is far-ranging. It engages its audiences in the creative process, winning them over to suspend their disbelief and to accept all sorts of interesting and exciting theatrical devices in joining the eager Argonauts and participating in Jason's epic voyage.

The first act takes the story from the first alliance of this unsophisticated, down-to-earth Jason (Jake Suffian) with the powerful goddesses Hera (Lisa Tejero) and Athena (Sofia Jean Gomez). He confronts his usurping uncle King Pelias (Allen Gilmore), who devises the seemingly impossible quest for the Golden Fleece. Jason then assembles the heroic band of Argonauts, embarks on his action-packed voyage and, finally, at the end of the first act, arrives in Colchis, ruled by the angry King Aietes (Soren Oliver), protector of the Golden Fleece. Ms. Tejero's crafty Hera and Ms. Gomez' powerful and agile Athena, sometimes in the midst of the action, often observing from apart or above, provide valuable narration and incisive commentary, intervening directly when supernatural assistance is needed.

The perils of the voyage emerge as opportunities for the heroic crew members (and Ms. Zimmerman) to display their prowess and ingenuity. Optimism and energy run high and spirits are ebullient.

The recruiting of the renowned crew becomes a pep rally, with characters proudly introducing themselves in rap-style verse to the beat of African drums. A beefy slow-witted Hercules (Mr. Oliver) leads the cheers: "Ar-go-nauts! Ar-go-nauts!"

Mary Zimmerman's "Argonautika" runs through April 6 at McCarter's Matthews Theatre. Call (609) 258-2787 or visit www.mccarter.org for information.

The large stage is rapidly transformed into the mighty ship Argo. A tall mast rises from floor through the ceiling, sailors climb the rigging, and, until Athena finally quiets the winds, a powerful storm tosses even the mightiest warriors to and fro across the deck.

Daniel Ostling's simple set, constructed of the polished planks of a large ship, provides rich resources for inventive staging, with trap doors in floor and ceiling, a high, wide walkway on stage right, a drawbridge, a ladder and numerous entrances from right, left and upstage. Puppet constructions by Mr. Montenegro and eclectic costuming of Ms. Kuzmanic create the voracious Harpies, gossamer and wire creatures carried on poles, and an ugly giant of a King Amycus, who delights in pummeling each visitor to death in a boxing match. A huge, swirling green fabric conveniently outfitted with two bulbous eyeballs turns into a deadly sea monster. An alluring water nymph covered in tinsel emerges from the trap door in the floor to steal away Hercules' beloved arms-bearer Hylas.

Nuanced, dramatic lighting by John Culbert and original music and sound by Andre Pluess and Ben Sussman help to create the rapidly changing moods and settings of the production and contribute significantly to the unfolding of this spellbinding tale.

Ms. Zimmerman's well rehearsed, balanced, and versatile ensemble brings to vibrant life one scene after another and in rapid succession. The two and a half hours of *Argonautika* are constantly engaging and entertaining.

Following the Argonauts' testosterone-filled heroics of the first act and Jason and Medea's ill-fated passions of the second act, Ms. Zimmerman leaves her audience with a beautiful final celestial tableau, as the heroes of the drama are transported into constellations of stars in the sky. But first she leads her audience to ponder the desolation and destruction. In a stark contemporary reference, she delivers a sobering reminder of the ends of all "these glorious missions of men." The company, in chorus, cynically deride, "teach the foreigner a lesson, destroy the tyrant ... seize that shining fleece and the world will change ... seize that fleece and there will be an end to evil. Whatever. They all end up like this in the end."

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Passage Theatre Spotlights New Jersey Playwrights

Six one-act plays by New Jersey playwrights will be presented during the weekend of April 4, 5, and 6 by the Stage One Playwrights Unit of Trenton's Passage Theatre. Each play will be 10 to 15 minutes in length. The unifying theme is that each play involves a painting.

The playwrights are Peter Gruen of Lawrenceville, formerly of Princeton; David White of Bordentown; Ian August of Highland Park; and Hope Gatto, Sonya Aronowitz, and Lynne Elson from central New Jersey.

Mr. Gruen's play, *The End of My Tour*, will feature his son, Swann Gruen, in the starring role as a young soldier who finds his homecoming from Iraq to be quite different from what he expected.

Mr. Gruen, an adjunct professor of Classical Studies at the College of New Jersey, realized while he was developing his play that he was imagining his son in the soldier's role. Swann Gruen, a graduate of The Pennington School, attended the College of Santa Fe before graduating from the William Esper Studio in New York, where he now lives. He has played Plato in *Rebel Without a Cause* at the Lion Theater, Cormac in *Song of the Shore* at TSI Theater, and Pete in *The City* at the Ensemble Studio Theater. Although he is working on a film in which he plays the lead, *The Saving Grace* for the independent film company, Tower Isle Productions, the young Mr. Gruen agreed to appear in his father's play. As the play has progressed he has made suggestions to his father so that it has become a father/son collaboration. "My Dad has given me advice when I'm working on a role and it's been very helpful," he said. "It feels great that I can help him in return." Father and son hope to work together on future projects.

Mr. Gruen's plays include *For Anne, Borbora The Great, Cliff Notes*, and *An Opening in the Sky*.

In Ms. Gatto's play, *Wednesday Night is Taco Night*, a New Jersey couple purchases a mysterious painting on eBay that threatens to possess everyone who stares at it. Mr. White's play, *Backfire*, shows two high school sweethearts at their 40th reunion discovering they aren't who they think they are. A terrible secret from the past comes back to haunt a family in Ms. Aronowitz's *The Marvin Party*. In Mr. August's *Eleanor Descending a Staircase*, a woman attempts to purchase a painting, not realizing it isn't technically "art." And Ms. Elson's *Seven Minutes in Heaven* concerns two teenage strangers finding a moment of connection during a party game.

Performances are Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 6 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $15, available by calling (609) 392-0766 or online at www.passagetheatre.org.

Theatre Students to Stage An Exploratory "Macbeth"

Mercer County Community College theatre students will explore the dark forces of human nature in their upcoming adaptation of Shakespeare's classic tragedy *Macbeth* at the college's Kelsey Theatre. Performances will be Fridays and Saturdays, April 18, 19, 25, and 26 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m.

Nine MCCC students will draw theatergoers into a world where "fair is foul, and foul is fair." Emboldened by Lady Macbeth and the witches' prophecies, Macbeth's obsession with power leads to menace and murder. As the tale is spun, cast members will pass signature pieces of Macbeth's and Lady Macbeth's wardrobe from one actor to the next, as each of them faces his or her own demons. The play's fight scenes are being directed by fight choreographer Joseph Travers, managing director of Swordplay, a New York City company that provides stage combat training to professional actors.

Nearly all the actors will inhabit the roles of Macbeth and/or Lady Macbeth at some point during the play, said MCCC Theatre Program Coordinator Jody Person, who will direct the play. "If the potential for evil exists in everyone, the characters in the play as well as those of us watching have the potential to be Macbeth or Lady Macbeth, if only in our daydreams or nightmares," she said. "The action flows from scene to scene with a swiftness that draws us into Macbeth's internal struggles."

The cast includes Keith Harper of Princeton, James Jaketic of Millstone, David Hamm of Bordentown, Daniel Lownie of Titusville, Doreen Griffin of West Trenton, Jennifer Fordyce of Trenton, Stephanie Landau of Cream Ridge, Shauri Johnson of East Windsor, and Ben Knight of Windsor.

Kelsey Theatre Artistic Director M. Kitty Getlik will be the show's producer.

Tickets are $12 for adults, $10 for seniors and students. They may be purchased online at www.kelseytheatre.net or by calling the box office at (609) 570-3333.

Lloyd Webber's "Evita" Coming to State Theatre

New Brunswick's State Theatre will present Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical *Evita* for three performances on Friday, April 4 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 5 at 3 and 8 p.m.

The first musical since the Rodgers & Hammerstein era to burst on to the world's pop charts, *Evita* was honored with seven Tony Awards. Its songs include "Don't Cry For Me Argentina."

The epic story of the rise and fall of Eva Peron is told in a sweeping pop opera. The show brings to life the dynamic, larger-than-life persona of Eva Peron, wife of former Argentine dictator Juan Peron. Blessed with charisma, Mrs. Peron captivated a nation by championing the working class. From her illegitimate birth into poverty to her status as South America's most important woman, *Evita* is a story of glamour, power, and greed.

Beginning its life as a concept album in 1976, *Evita* instantly became a global phenomenon. It was the first mega musical when it opened at the Broadway Theatre on September 25, 1979, setting records for the largest box office advance. It went on to sweep all theatre awards in 1979, winning seven Tonys including Best Musical, Score, Book, and Director. It played 1,568 performances, closing June 25, 1983. A new generation was introduced to the musical in 1996 when Alan Parker's critically acclaimed film version opened starring Madonna and Antonio Banderas.

Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, who won a Tony for Best Score for *Evita*, also wrote *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Jesus Christ Superstor, By Jeeves, Song & Donce, Cats, Starlight Express*, and *The Phontom of the Opera*.

A free pre-performance talk, *Stranger than Fiction: Evita*, will be presented by John Keller of the Mason Gross School of the Arts on Saturday, April 5 at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

Tickets range from $40 to $65, with student, senior, and group discounts available. The State Theatre box office is located at 15 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick.

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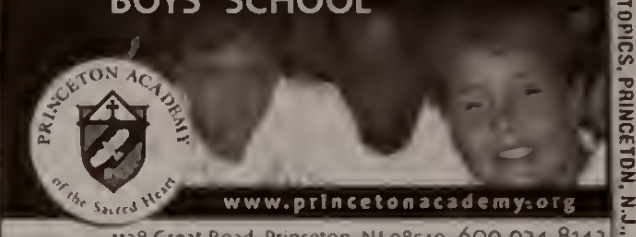
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DVD REVIEW

Joan Crawford: The Face That Launched a Thousand Close-Ups

Joan Crawford's birthday was last Sunday, March 23. Though she was born in 1905, she later claimed 1908 as her birth year, so if you give her the benefit of her vanity, you could say that March 23, 2008, was her 100th birthday. She died alone in New York in 1977.

I wonder how many people under the age of 50 watch Turner Classic Movies, a television time machine offering daily excursions to anyone who wants to see the stars as they were in their prime. My guess is that the majority of TCM viewers are over 60 and that most people born after 1950 probably only know Crawford from sleazy shockers like *What Ever Happened to Baby Jane* (1962), *Strait-Jacket* (1964), *I Saw What You Did* (1965), and *Berzerk!* (1967). A visit to YouTube suggests that her main claim to fame in our online culture is as the nightmare mother in her daughter's tell-all memoir, *Mommie Dearest* (the film, with Faye Dunaway, is considered a camp classic), and through her feud with Bette Davis, who played the title role in *Baby Jane*.

TCM marked Crawford's birthday Sunday with an 11-movie marathon. You can also get a good sense of her range in the recently released *Joan Crawford Collection Volume 2* (Warner Bros/Turner $49.98), which includes five pictures she made between 1934 and 1953, soon to be separately available at the Princeton Public Library.

Can You Like Her?

The TCM documentary that began Sunday's birthday marathon was called *The Ultimate Movie Star*, a title that seems especially fitting in Joan Crawford's case because she made a full-time business of being a star (her own CEO), so much so that she was reportedly more devoted to her fans than she was to her adopted children (two of whom she disinherited). She's the only female star I can think of who could make the n-word recently applied to Hillary Clinton look like an edgy fashion statement; she'd wear "monster" the way she wore her weird regalia in an almost terminally campy blackface number in *Torch Song* (1953), the most recent of the films in the new collection. Early Joan Crawford is downright scary. The first time I saw *Grand Hotel* (1932), it was hard to relate an vast and fabulous a face to the woman I knew as the tense, hard-edged, tightly wound middle-aged star of *Mildred Pierce* (1945) and *Sudden Fear* (1952). In the early talkie *Montana Moon*, the sheer mass of her face and those huge, insatiable eyes make each close-up as devastating as any mob scene Cecil B. deMille ever orchestrated. Face to face, up close, early Joan blows just about everyone but Garbo out of the water. But can you like her? It's not easy, and it's all but impossible to love her the way you do Barbara Stanwyck or any number of other more humanly endearing actresses.

Crawford rarely projects the sort of appeal that James Agee had in mind when referring to "the translucent face" of Teresa Wright and her "delicate and exciting talent ... with something of a novelist's perceptiveness behind the talent." The excitement Crawford creates is seldom delicate. For the Ultimate Star, "star power" trumps subtlety. With certain exceptions, as when she's being directed by a Frank Borzage or a George Cukor, she doesn't show you the face behind the mask. It's worth noting that one of her most obvious weaknesses — her voice — can become an asset when the emotional chips are down. There's a vulnerable catch — a giving way — in her voice that figures in several of the most moving scenes in Borzage's *Strange Cargo* (1940) and Cukor's *A Woman's Face* (1941), the two best films in this volume of the *Crawford Collection*.

Moments of Truth

Sadie McKee (1934), the earliest picture in the newly issued set, has some radiant moments, but it's eventually pulled down by a far-fetched, morally incoherent plot and a drawn-out denouement. For all the shallow, small-minded, commercially compromised movies that flowed across the screens of the nation in the 1930s, there are hundreds of moments where something true and touching comes through, moments that brightened the lives of moviegoers all over the world, especially couples. Early in *Sadie McKee*, there's a perfect little Manhattan melody, poetry for the eyes and ears, after Joan's Sadie escapes the provinces with a mandolin-strumming Romeo played by Gene Raymond. They spend their first night in a tiny room rented to them by a craven, charmless landlady who sneers at their pretense of marriage. They have only the one bed, a chair, and a dresser. Since they plan to get married the next day, kisses have to be cut short; the resulting tension creates an appealingly awkward mutual restraint, every move understated, every nuance natural and right, the familiar situation illuminated by the couple's shy respect for the limits and by the subtle intermingling of intimacy and decorum. He will sleep in the chair, she in the bed. While she's down the hall getting into her pajamas in the communal bathroom, he begins strumming his mandolin and softly singing "All I Do is Dream of You." I've never been a Gene Raymond fan (and this is a song Gene Kelly "owns"), but he makes the moment beautiful and real, his singing gently respecting the fact that the hour is late and other people may be trying to sleep. The lullaby continues as Joan gets under the covers, the camera moving in close as she listens, bringing all of us (and our parents and grandparents) with it. Such close-ups as this one of a young woman listening to her lover's lullaby on her first night away from home are the stuff of movie dreams, the moments where audiences bond with actors, the star is everyone, and the shabby little room is everywhere.

The Final Four

Of the four films that complete the collection, *Flamingo Road* (1949), which shows middle-period Crawford at her triumphant-victim best, would be worth watching if only for Ted McCord's outstanding camera work. In *Torch Song*, which has to be seen to be disbelieved, Joan is the embittered, misanthropic, love-starved, indomitable dominatrix (the m-word again), the fulfillment of every drag queen's wildest dream. In *A Woman's Face*, where she transcends herself as the disfigured anti-heroine, she's Saint Joan weaving and wavering on the borderline between good and evil, and doing it so well (at least before the plastic surgery), you almost want to take back the noises you made while sitting through the all but serial mediocrity of her previous M-G-M performances. As the title implies, this is an essential document for close readers of Crawford looking to analyse and define the persona behind the mask. *A Woman's Face* also coincides nicely with the implications of the "Two-Faced Woman" number in *Torch Song*.

Borzoge and God

Strange Cargo doesn't belong here; it belongs in a set TCM should have put together called The Frank Borzage Collection, along with *Three Comrades* (1938), *The Mortal Storm* (1940), and two others starring Joan Crawford, *Monnequin* (1937), and *The Shining Hour* (1938). The last two films explain the "all but" with which I qualified "mediocrity" in the context of Crawford's previous work at M-G-M. Borzage is an actor's dream; even the lamest of the lame thrive under his enlightened guidance. He can turn perennial heavies into moist-eyed priests, can make Bible-quoting gentle souls of actors who usually play bellicose newspaper editors or rich tyrannical fathers. He can take one of my favorite character actors, Akim Tamiroff (a comic bright spot in *Sadie McKee*) and turn him into a cynical brain surgeon in *Disputed Passage* five years later. Borzage can even bring the dead back to life (in *7th Heaven*) and redeem the seemingly unredeemable, but when the story contains intimations of Christianity, as it does in *Strange Cargo*, even the most perceptive and sympathetic viewers have trouble accepting the notion that a South African actor named Ian Hunter whose stock in trade is playing playboys could believably evoke the presence of the Lord in the body of a prisoner on Devil's Island. Hunter does at least have some charismatic leaders on his resume, having played King Richard the Lion-Heart in *Robin Hood*, but never mind. People who come to *Strange Cargo* still shuddering from their encounters with Hollywood's misadventures in the realm of religion simply can't allow that a serious work about redemption could be made at M-G-M, home of angelic choirs and endless nauseating abominations conducted in the name of meretricious piety. And with Clark Gable and Joan Crawford as the redeemed lovers — please!

Apparently some sort of visceral button gets pushed every time there's a straight-laced approach to divinity in the context of Hollywood. I mean, you just don't do God in La-La-Land and get away with it, right? Maybe the only way to turn people's heads toward the filmic truth is to ask them to consider the dimensions of the challenge of making such a picture while remaining reasonably faithful to Richard Sale's novel, *Not Too Narrow, Not Too Deep*. You can bet no other director in Hollywood would have had the courage to come near it, not to mention the ability to endow the project with the necessary tact, sympathy, and restraint. But the fact that love between a couple can encompass qualities both sensual and divine was Borzage's theme almost from the beginning of his incredible career (close to 100 movies made between 1915 and 1962). Without the male/female physicality and the definitively powerful performances of the two stars, the spiritual aspect of *Strange Cargo* might justify the ridicule Pauline Kael heaps on the idea of the Redeeming of Gable and Crawford. In fact, it was putting the sexual electricity between those two into a religious context that got the film in trouble on various fronts, including the Catholic church and the Legion of Decency, which "fully condemned" the movie as "an amalgam of religion and licentiousness." The ads placed in trade papers not surprisingly stressed the sex (Joan Crawford's bare legs, Gable's leer); after all, the studio had a movie to sell. And in Windsor, Ontario, across the river from Detroit, a wily theatre owner cashed in, using ads and radio spots to entice 40,000 customers who had been turned away when the stateside censors banned the movie.

When the *Crawford Collection* comes to the library, you can see for yourself whether or not I'm right to claim that *Strange Cargo* is a unique, courageous film in which the two stars do the very best work of their careers.

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John Burkhalter "The Great Mr. Handel" Sunday at Choir College

Westminster Choir College will present "The Great Mister Handel" featuring the Practitioners of Musick this Sunday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Bristol Chapel at Westminster.

The inspiration for the concert is the recent release on DVD of a period drama, *The Great Mr. Handel*, produced in 1942. tt was the first color film shot in Britain with "character lighting" instead of the flat overall lighting demanded by Technicolor. The story deals with the later stages of Handel's life leading up to the composing of his masterpiece *Messioh*. During his early years in London, and flush with the success of his opera *Rinaldo*, Handel had enjoyed the King's patronage, and people flocked to the theaters to see his productions.

Plagued by financial worries and ill health, Handel shut himself away to work on setting Charles Jennen's text of *Messioh*. The 1742 premiere in Dublin and 1743 performance in London restored Mr. Handel's fortunes. The works performed in the Westminster concert were selected to acquaint listeners with a wider range of Handel's works in both sacred and secular music.

The Practitioners of Musick was founded by John Burkhalter and the late Professor Eugene Roan to survey the musical riches of Great Britain and Ireland, as well as the colonial and early Federal periods in America. For the Westminster concert Mr. Burkhalter will be joined by his fellow "practitioners of musick" Clara Rottsolk, soprano; Sheila Fernekes, English flute; Eva Kuhn, violoncello; and Lewis Reece Baratz, harpsichord and spinet.

Mr. Burkhalter studied the performance of early music at The New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and participated in the Baroque performance seminar led by the distinguished Dutch recorder virtuoso Frans Bruggen at Harvard University.

Ms. Fernekes, a graduate of Rutgers University, is past president of The Princeton Recorder Society and a former national board member of The American Recorder Society. Ms. Kuhn holds a cello pedagogy degree from the Musikhochschule Zurich/Winterthur and a graduate degree in cello performance from the Musikhochschule in Berlin. Ms. Rottsolk has worked with ensembles such as Fuma Sacra, Le Triomphe de l'amour, the Carmel Bach Festival Chorale, Handel Choir of Baltimore, Tempesta di Mare, and Westminster Kantorei, among others. Mr. Baratz, a Fulbright Scholar, holds a doctorate in musicology from Case Western Reserve University, where he specialized in the music tradition of 17th and 18th century Brussels.

Admission to the recital is $15 for adults and $10 for students and seniors. For tickets, call the box office at (609) 921-2663.

CELEBRATING ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE: Israeli singer-songwriter and guitarist David Broza will perform in concert on Sunday, May 11 at 1 p.m. at the Jewish Center of Princeton. The program will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel. For tickets, call (609) 921-0100.

Israeli Singer-Guitarist Here for May Concert

In celebration of the 60th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel, the Jewish Center of Princeton will sponsor a concert by world-renowned Israeli singer-songwriter and guitarist David Broza on Sunday, May 11 at 1 p.m.

Mr. Broza's performances bring a fusion of music from three different countries in which he was raised: Israel, Spain, and England. His guitar playing ranges from flamenco-flavored rhythmic and percussion techniques to whirlwind finger picking and rock 'n' roll. In the troubadour tradition, his lyrics are often from the worlds' greatest poets.

Mr. Broza's CDs include three works in Spanish. His first English album was released in 1989. He has performed often with the Israeli Philharmonic, and with Paul Simon, Al Dimeola, Bob Dylan, Spyro Gyra, Van Morrison, Jose Fernandez, and Sting, among others.

Most recently, Mr. Broza has involved himself in developing and producing a new show with the internationally renowned group, Mayumana. His recent PBS special, *David Broza at Masada: the Sunrise Concert*, featured guests Shawn Colvin and Jackson Browne and was released nationwide in December 2007. He is also known for his commitment to several humanitarian causes, particularly the search for peace in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

For additional information on Mr. Broza, visit www.davidbroza.net.

Tickets for the concert, which will be held at the Jewish Center, 435 Nassau Street, are $36. To order, call (609) 921-0100.

David Brahinsky Center for Yoga & Health Plans Sing-Along Saturday

The Princeton Center for Yoga & Health, Skillman, will present David Brahinsky, a songwriter, folksinger, storyteller, and philosophy professor, for an evening of song this Saturday, March 29 at 8 p.m. Admission will be $15 at the door.

"We sing songs that touch the heart, mind and body, and stimulate growth of the soul", said Dr. Brahinsky. His program will be his 11th annual Sing-Along at PCYH since the Center first opened.

"If you are singing, you are happy," said Mr. Brahinsky recently. "That's why I enjoy doing the Sing-Along. It brings together the physical, using one's voice, the intellectual, i.e. lyrics that stimulate thinking, and the emotional, feeling the meaning of the words as they are being sung. The Sing-Along experience usually produces thoughts and feelings that help you reach a calm and peaceful frame of mind, somewhat akin to chanting or meditation."

Raised by parents with a passion for music, Dr. Brahinsky's interest in folk singing was later inspired by Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul, and Mary, Woody Guthrie, and Pete Seeger, as well as such current singer-songwriters as Kate Wolf, Cheryl Wheeler, John Gorka, and Greg Brown.

Radionce Revealed, a double CD of Dr. Brahinsky's music, recorded live at PCYH, will be available for sale at the concert.

The Center is located at the Montgomery Professional Center, 50 Vreeland Drive, Suite 506, in Skillman. For directions, call the Center at (609) 924-7294.

2008-09 Auditions Set By Princeton Girlchoir

The Princeton Girlchoir will hold new member auditions on the second and fourth weekends of April, April 12-13 and April 26-27. Interested girls who are currently in grades two through 11 should call the PGC office at (609) 688-1888 to set up an appointment or send an e-mail to auditions@princetongirlchoir.org.

Founded in 1989 by Jan Westrick, the Princeton Girlchoir comprises five auditioned choirs. In all, more than 200 girls ages eight through 18 from central New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania participate in the choirs, performing choral music from all genres and periods.

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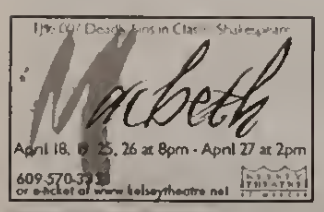
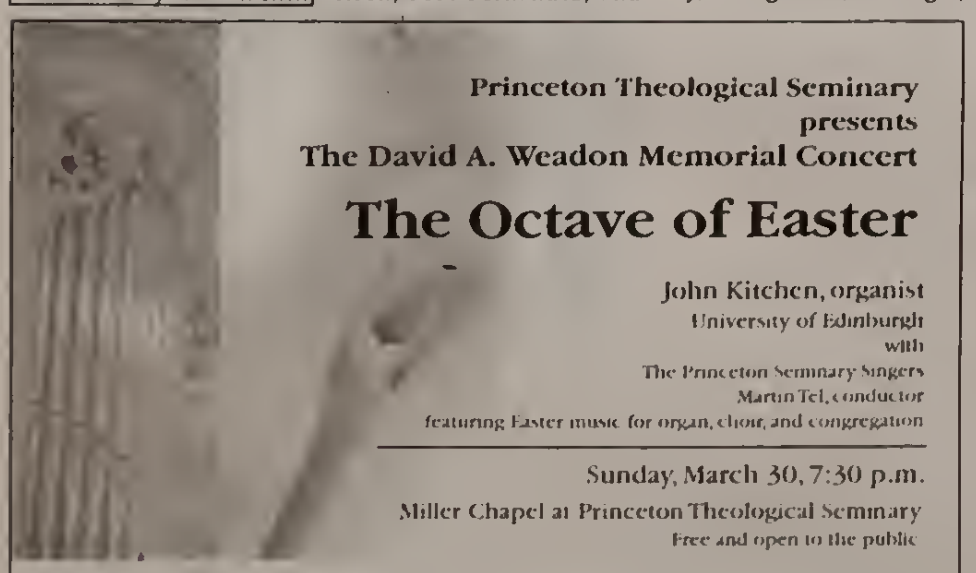
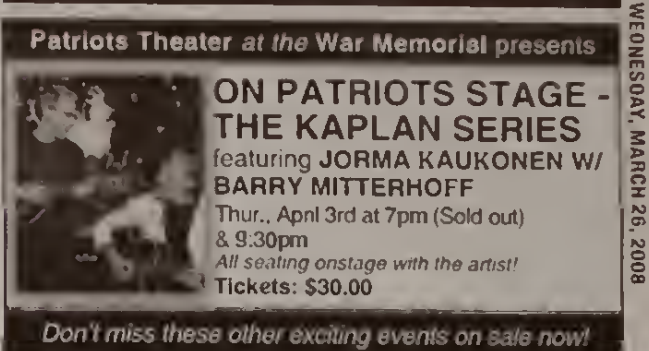






Jubilee Singers Offering Season-Closing Concert

The Westminster Jubilee Singers will present their final concert of the season, "The Best Is Yet To Come," on Sunday, April 13 at 5 p.m. in Westminster's Bristol Chapel.

Conducted by J. Donald Dumpson, the ensemble will perform works ranging from gospel to jazz. Solo and choral pieces will showcase the Jubilee Singers' vocal talent.

With a repertoire focusing on music from the African-American tradition, the Westminster Jubilee Singers is a multicultural, multiracial, and interdenominational choral ensemble. Highlights from recent seasons include the performance of two Hannibal Lokumbe works with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra: *African Portroits*, conducted by André Raphael Smith, and the world premiere of *God, Mississippi, and a Man Colled Evers*, conducted by Leslie Dunner. The ensemble has also performed at Carnegie Hall with the New York Pops Orchestra under the baton of Skitch Henderson, and with Denyce Graves at New York's Apollo Theater.

Mr. Dumpson has guest-conducted the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and Chorus to critical acclaim, served as a member of the production team for the syndicated television special "An Evening of Stars," assisted with the choral preparation of the Opera Company of Philadelphia's June 2001 production of *Porgy and Bess*, and served as co-producer for the national telecast of Black Entertainment Television's First Annual African-American Sacred Music Festival.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for seniors and students. To order, call the box office at (609) 921-2663 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CLAP YOUR HANDS: The Westminster Jubilee Singers, conducted by J. Donald Dumpson, will present its final concert of the season, "The Best Is Yet To Come," on Sunday, April 13 at 5 p.m. in Bristol Chapel at Westminster Choir College. For tickets, call (609) 921-2663.

CONCERT PERFORMERS AND BENEFICIARIES: Constance Hurtt, director of the Trenton Children's Chorus Thursday Training Choir, is shown leading a performance of the chorus at the 2007 "Spring into Song" concert hosted by the Hopewell Valley Chorus. The 2008 edition, featuring six ensembles, will take place on Sunday, April 6 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Washington Crossing, 268 Washington Crossing Road, Titusville. The concert is free.

Princeton Festival Sets "April in Paris" Gala

The Greenacres Country Club in Lawrenceville will be transformed into turn-of-the-century Paris on April 26 when The Princeton Festival holds it gala fundraiser, "April in Paris 1900." The event will reflect the 2008 Festival's theme, "La Belle Epoque," the "Beautiful Era" of impressionism, Art Nouveau, cancan, and flourishing art, music, and technology.

The gala will feature cocktails, dinner, dancing to the music of the Courtney Colletti II band, and cancans by the American Repertory Ballet's Princeton Ballet School. A professional caricaturist, Elizabeth Hutchinson of New York, will offer sketches of the guests, who are encouraged to dress in costumes appropriate to the period.

Co-chairs for the gala are Pamela Bristol and Jerry Odening of Princeton and Jean and David Brown of Yardley, Pa. Tickets are available at several levels at prices ranging from $250 ($50 tax deductible) to $1,000 ($800 tax deductible). For information or reservations, call (215) 493-6876 or e-mail jeantbrown@msn.com.

The Princeton Festival 2008 runs from June 14 to 29, comprising ten events including opera, musical theater, chamber music, organ music, a piano competition, and jazz. For more information, visit www.princetonfestival.org.

New School for Music Slates Faculty Recital

The third performance of the season in the New School for Music Study's Faculty Recital Series will feature Dr. Rebecca Pennington and Ms. Aline Schmidt, piano faculty at the New School, in a recital on Sunday, April 6 at 3 p.m. at Jacobs Music in Lawrenceville.

The program will include the MacDowell Sonata in E minor and Amy Beach's Sketches, Opus 15, as well as selections by Grieg, Liszt, Debussy, and Satie. Admission will be free, with donations accepted.

The New School, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1960, is the laboratory school for the Frances Clark Center for Keyboard Pedagogy. The school offers group and private piano instruction to children and adults. Advanced students accepted by audition participate in the Program for Excellence in Piano Study Program. For more information, call the New School at (609) 921-2900 or visit www.nsmsplano.org.

Jacobs Music is located at 2540 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville.

Festival's "La Boheme" Seeking Men's Chorus

The Princeton Festival 2008 has announced that it is seeking "a few good men" — tenors and basses for its paid, professional men's chorus in the Festival's June production of Puccini's opera *La Boheme*. Members of the men's chorus will appear as café patrons, street vendors, students, and soldiers in the colorful Christmas Eve scene at Paris's Café Momus.

Prospective candidates are asked to arrange an audition by sending an e-mail message to chorus@princetonfestival.org. Applicants will receive a specific time slot and audition location in Princeton.

Candidates will be asked to perform, in Italian, a piece of their own choosing. A professional accompanist will be provided. Men who like to sing are urged to contact the festival quickly.

The Princeton Festival 2008 will run from June 14 to 29. It will feature a variety of events including opera, musical theater, chamber music, organ music, a piano competition, and jazz, all with the theme "La Belle Époque." *La Boheme* will be performed three times.

For more information, visit www.princetonfestival.org.

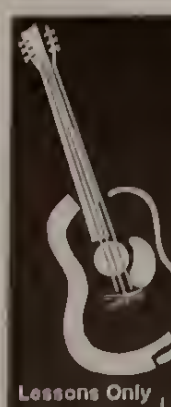
Hopewell Valley Chorus Plans "Spring into Song"

The Hopewell Valley Chorus will be joined by five other singing groups for a program of a cappella, jazz, gospel, and bluegrass music at its ninth annual "Spring into Song" concert on Sunday, April 6 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Washington Crossing, 268 Washington Crossing Road, Titusville. The free concert will benefit the Trenton Children's Chorus.

In addition to the Hopewell Valley Chorus, this year's participants will be the Trenton Children's Chorus, Community Fellowship Choir, Jersey Transit, Kingston Women's Chorus, and Mountain View.

Donations from audience and singers will benefit the Hopewell Valley Spring into Song Scholarship, sending one or more members of the Trenton Children's Chorus to the two-week Albemarle Summer Music Program at the American Boychoir School.

For more information call (609) 737-3177 or email hopewellchorus@aol.com.



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Dorothea's House Plans Program on Mario Lanza

"Mario Lanza: The Man Who Chose Hollywood Over Opera" will be the topic of a program at Dorothea's House on Sunday, April 6 at 6 p.m., moderated by Sandy Steiglitz, host of operatic radio programs on Princeton University's radio station WPRB.

The program is open to the public and free of charge. Attendees are encouraged to bring refreshments to share in the reception afterward.

Mr. Lanza, the Philadelphia-born singer who was at one time compared to the great Enrico Caruso, saw his career take a dramatic turn after a concert at the Hollywood Bowl and a chance encounter with Louis B. Mayer. The tenor died at age 38.

Ms. Steiglitz will accompany her talk about the opera singer and actor with selections from Mr. Lanza's motion pictures and his operatic arias.

Dorothea's House is located at 120 John Street.

Art of Jerry Garcia Here For Weekend Exhibition

A touring exhibition of the artworks of Jerry Garcia, from the Grateful Dead, will visit Princeton this weekend at the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village. Titled "Jerry Garcia: A Visual Journey," the show has been presented in many cities throughout the U.S. over the past five years.

Presented by Image Makers Art, Inc., of Paoli, Pa., the exhibit will be on display on Saturday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the hotel.

The exhibit is stopping in Princeton, said exhibition coordinator Garry Engle, because the Grateful Dead band performed often in the Princeton area during their 30 years of touring and have a large fan base here.

"This art show adds significantly to our understanding of Jerry Garcia as a creative individual," said Mr. Engle, "and shows his versatility in other artistic media."

For more information, call (610) 722-5807.

Library Talk to Feature 2 Princeton Composers

Audiences will explore literary links to music at Princeton Public Library on Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m., when two Princeton composers present a program titled "Words that Sing and Songs that Speak."

To illustrate how the emotional content of written language is enhanced by classical music, composers Rita Asch and Moshe Budmor will present a live performance of four original works inspired by literary texts.

Two pieces by Prof. Budmor will be on the program, "Three Shakespearean Sonnets" for mezzo-soprano and guitar and "The Sweetest Melody" for harpsichord, voice, recorder, and clarinet. They will share the program with Ms. Asch's "The Myth of Canens" and "Picus," based on text by Ovid, for flute, narrator and piano, and "Sarabande After Proust" for cello, narrator, and piano.

Baritone Robert Freedman, narrator Frank Magalhães, mezzo-soprano Linda Mindlin, cellist Peggy Skemer, and flutist Barbara Williams will be featured in the compositions.

At the conclusion of the program, the composers will take time to answer audience questions.

Prof. Budmor, a professor emeritus at The College of New Jersey, has had his instrumental and vocal pieces performed in the U.S., Germany, and Israel.

Ms. Asch was a composer-in-residence at Creative Theatre in Princeton and has written numerous chamber pieces in addition to works for The Westminster Community Orchestra and The New Jersey Youth Symphony.

Witherspoon Presbyterian To Host Recital by Trio

The Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church will host a free concert, part of its Noontime Recital Series, on Wednesday, April 2 from noon to 12:30 p.m. The recitalists will be pianist Kathleen Milly, violinist Robert Ellis, and cellist Peggy Skemer.

The program will be the Piano Trio in G major by Claude Debussy.

A light lunch will follow the concert.

For details or to reserve a ticket, call the church office at (609) 924-1666 or visit witherspoon@verizon.net.

The Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church is located at 124 Witherspoon Street.

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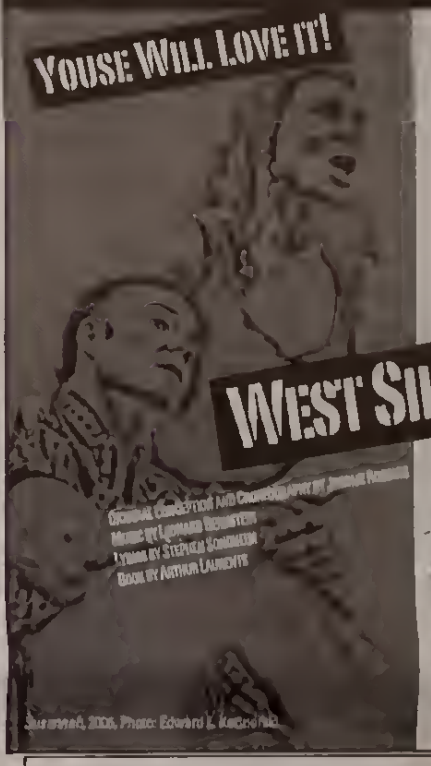

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CINEMA REVIEW

Run, Fatboy, Run

Groom with Cold Feet Seeks Second Chance in British Film

On their wedding day, Dennis (Simon Pegg) bolts from the church at the last minute, leaving his pregnant bride, Libby (Thandie Newton), standing at the altar. The reluctant groom panicked and ran because he didn't think that he, an overweight chain-smoking slacker, deserved a girl who was as gorgeous as Libby.

However, five years later, he wants a second chance with Libby because he's still in love with her and realizes that he had made a big mistake. However, Libby is now involved with Whit (Hank Azaria), a wealthy American hedge fund manager who wants to marry her.

What's worse, after they are married he plans to move his new family from London to Chicago, which means that Dennis won't be able to see his four year-old son, Jake (Matthew Fenton), very often. To add insult to injury, Jake seems to like his step-father-to-be.

So, Dennis feels that he has to prove himself equal to Whit in order to win back both Libby's heart and the admiration of his child. However, he can't begin to compete in terms of money and career, since he's a poorly paid security guard at a clothing store and has even fallen behind paying the rent on his apartment.

When he learns at Libby's birthday party that Whit will be running in the upcoming London Marathon, Dennis impulsively announces that he'll be entering the race as well. Woefully out of shape, he knows he'll have to adopt a rigorous training regimen just to finish, let alone finish the race ahead of Whit.

I KNOW I CAN, I KNOW I CAN: Dennis (Simon Pegg) is in training for the London Marathon as part of his efforts to reclaim the hearts of Libby (Thandy Newton, not shown) and their son, after he left a pregnant Libby standing at the altar on their wedding day five years earlier.

Will Dennis beat Whit in the River Run along the Thames River? And if so, will that be enough to impress Libby and Jake? Those are the questions posed by *Run, Fotboy, Run*, a romantic comedy which is the directorial debut of David Schwimmer, best known as Ross from the long-running NBC series *Friends*.

The movie pairs delightful Thandie Newton with cult favorite Simon Pegg, star of such offbeat adventures as *Shaun of the Deod* and *Hot Fuzz*. Most of the jokes come at the expense of Pegg's character by taking advantage of the comedian's slapstick, sight gags, and self-effacing humor. Like the best of British romantic comedy movies such as *Notting Hill* and *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, the film also features excellent performances by members of the supporting cast, most notably, Dylan Moran as Dennis's loyal buddy, Gordon, and Harish Patel as his meddlesome landlord, Mr. Ghoshdashtidar.

Dividing its attention equally between the love triangle and the overcoming-the-odds theme, *Run, Fotboy, Run* will keep you in stitches and also on the edge of your seat, even if this laugh-a-minute escapade is more mindless than cerebral. Does Dennis get Libby and his son in the end? That would be unfair to divulge, given the completely unpredictable resolutions of some of Mr. Pegg's prior performances.

Excellent (★★★½ stars). Rated PG-13 for crude humor, profanity, sexuality, nudity, and smoking. Running time: 97 minutes. Studio: Picturehouse.

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10,000 B.C. (PG-13 for action violence). Peripatetic prehistoric adventure about a brave young warrior (Steven Strait) who leads a tight-knit band of brothers on an epic journey to the ends of the Earth to rescue the love of his life (Camilla Belle) from the clutches of the warlike tribe who kidnapped her during a raid of their village.

The Band's Visit (PG-13 for brief profanity). Cross-cultural comedy about the hijinks which ensue when an Egyptian police orchestra gets lost on its way to a concert in Israel and ends up stranded in a tiny town where everybody learns a touching lesson in tolerance. (In Arabic, Hebrew and English with subtitles)

The Bonk Job (R for profanity, sexuality, nudity and violence). Jason Statham stars in this action thriller about a struggling car dealer duped by a fetching femme fatale (Saffron Burrows) with a hidden agenda into hatching a plan to burglarize a London bank's safe deposit boxes containing not only millions in cash and jewelry but a treasure trove of dirty secrets.

College Rood Trip (G). Coming-of-age comedy about a high school student (Raven Symone) whose plans for a girls-only trip visiting prospective colleges are ruined when her overbearing, police chief father (Martin Lawrence) insists on accompanying her instead.

The Counterfeiters (R for sexuality, nudity, profanity, and violence). True World War II tale of survival, set in a Nazi concentration camp, about a master counterfeiter (Karl Markovics) forced to ply his trade to flood the market with the currency of the countries fighting Hitler and thereby devalue their money. In German with subtitles.

Doomsdoy (R for profanity, nudity, sexuality and graphic violence). Neil Marshall (*The Descent*) wrote and directed this sci-fi thriller about an elite squad of scientists dispatched to a quarantined hot zone in Scotland to find a cure for a lethal virus which has already claimed millions of lives. Cast includes Rhona Mitra, Bob Hoskins and Malcolm McDowell.

Drillbit Toylor (PG-13 for bullying, sexual references, profanity, crude humor, and partial nudity). Owen Wilson handles the title role in this revenge comedy as a down on his luck soldier of fortune hired by three freshmen (Troy Gentile, Nate Hartley, and David Dorfman) to protect them from the high school bully (Alex Frost).

Funny Gomes (R for terror, violence, and some profanity). German director Michael Haneke's English language remake of his 1997 thriller of the same name now stars Naomi Watts and Tim Roth as a couple whose vacation with their young son (Devon Gearheart) is disrupted when their lakeside summer home is invaded by a couple of sadistic psychopaths (Brady Corbet and Michael Pitt).

Horton Heors o Who (G). Jim Carrey provides the voiceover for the title character in this animated adaptation of the Dr. Seuss kiddie classic about an elephant determined to come to the assistance of the inhabitants of a tiny planet when he hears cries for help coming from a speck of dust floating through the air. Voice cast includes Steve Carrell, Carol Burnett, Jonah Hill, Jamie Pressly, SNL's Amy Poehler, Isla Fisher, Will Arnett and Seth Rogen.

In Bruges (R for pervasive profanity, graphic violence and drug use). Mob comedy about a couple of hit men (Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson) sent by their boss (Ralph Fiennes) to unwind in Belgium for a couple of weeks after an assignment in London goes horribly wrong.

Meet the Browns (PG-13 for profanity, violence, mature themes, sexual references, and drug use). Tyler Perry wrote, directed and reprises his cross-dressing role as Madea in this adaptation of his play about a single-mom (Angela Bassett) who moves her family from Chicago to Georgia for the funeral of the father she never met. Cast includes Rick Fox, Frankie Faison, Jenifer Lewis, and Tamela and David Mann.

Miss Pettigrew Lives for o Day (PG-13 for sexual innuendo and partial nudity). Frances McDormand stars in the title role of this romantic comedy, adapted from Winifred Watson's 1938 novel of the same name, about an unfairly-fired British nanny who tries a new line of work as the social secretary of an American starlet (Amy Adams).

Never Bock Down (PG-13 for mature themes, intense violence, profanity, teen partying and premarital sexuality). Overcoming-the-odds drama, set in Orlando, stars Sean Faris as the hot-headed new kid in town who starts studying mixed martial arts after being beaten up by a bully (Cam Gigandet) for flirting with his girlfriend (Amber Heard) at a party. Karate Kid-inspired adventure features Djimon Hounsou in the Mr. Miyagi role as the lad's mild-mannered mentor.

The Other Boleyn Girl (PG-13 for sexuality, violence and mature themes). 16th C. romance drama, based on the historical novel of the same name by Philippa Gregory, revolving around the competition between sisters Mary (Scarlett Johansson) and Anne (Natalie Portman) Boleyn for the affections of England's King Henry VIII (Eric Bana). With Kristin Scott Thomas, Jim Sturgess and Rue McLanahan.

Run, Fotboy, Run (PG-13 for crude humor, profanity, sexuality, nudity and smoking). David Schwimmer makes an impressive directorial debut with this romantic comedy about a chubby loser (Simon Pegg) looking for a second chance to impress the ex-fiancée (Thandie Newton) he'd abandoned at the altar on their wedding day five years ago after getting cold feet because she was pregnant. Supporting cast includes Hank Azaria, Harish Patel and India de Beaufort.

Semi-Pro (R for profanity and crude humor). Sports comedy starring Will Ferrell as a one-hit wonder who purchases a last place, minor league basketball team and tries to inspire his players to achieve their NBA hoop dreams. Ensemble cast includes Woody Harrelson, rapper Andre Benjamin, ex-Conan O'Brien sidekick Andy Richter, comedian DeRay Davis, Will Arnett, Maura Tierney, David Koechner, SNL alum Tim Meadows, R&B diva Patti LaBelle, Oscar-nominee Jackie Earle Haley and comedienne Charlene Yi.

Shutter (PG-13 for profanity, sexuality, terror, and disturbing images). English language remake of the Thai horror film of the same name about newlyweds (Joshua Jackson and Rachael Taylor) honeymooning in Tokyo who start discovering disturbing images in the photographs they take after their car hits a girl in a fatal traffic accident on Mt. Fuji.

Sleepwalking (R for profanity and a violent scene). Dysfunctional family drama about the bond which develops between an 11 year-old girl (AnnaSophia Robb) and her uncle (Nick Stahl) after her irresponsible mother (Charlize Theron) unexpectedly skips town with her latest boyfriend.

The Spiderwick Chronicles (PG for peril, mature themes, frightening images and action violence). Escapist fantasy about twin brothers (Freddie Highmore) who, along with their sister (Sarah Bolger), discover a magical world filled with fairies and scary creatures soon after moving with their mother (Mary-Louise Parker) from New York City to their great, great Uncle Arthur's (David Strathairn) secluded, rundown country estate.

Stop-Loss (R for graphic violence and pervasive profanity). Iraq War saga about the emotional toll exacted on an honorably-disharged veteran (Ryan Phillippe) and his family when he is ordered by the Army to return to Baghdad for another tour of duty. With Rob Brown, Channing Tatum and Ciaran Hinds.

Superhero Movie (PG-13 for profanity, sexuality, crude humor, slapstick violence and drug references). Leslie Nielsen, Tracy Morgan and Pamela Anderson are among the large ensemble cast in this parody of the superhero genre which satirizes a host of comic book screen adaptations including Fantastic Four, X-Men, Spider-Man and Batman.

Vontoge Point (PG-13 for intense violence, disturbing images and brief profanity). Political potboiler examines an attempted assassination of the President of the United States (William Hurt) from the varying perspectives of eight eyewitnesses. Ensemble cast includes Forest Whitaker, Dennis Quaid, Sigourney Weaver, Zoe Saldana, Matthew Fox, Eduardo Noriega, Richard T. Jones and Bruce McGill.

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Sparked by Goalie Kalemba's Cool-Headed Play, PU Men's Hockey Wins ECAC, Heads to NCAAs

As the seconds ticked down in the third period last Saturday night in the ECAC Hockey championship game, the members of the Princeton University men's hockey team stood in unison on the edge of their bench.

Once the horn sounded, the players exploded over the boards, flinging their gloves, sticks, and helmets into the air in the Times Union Center in Albany, N.Y. as they celebrated their 4-1 win over Harvard.

Minutes later, as the Tigers stood on the ice soaking in the moment and waiting to accept the spoils of victory, one player didn't crack a smile in the jubilation around him.

That player, sophomore goalie Zane Kalemba, remained expressionless as he accepted the trophy given to the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

Without Kalemba's penchant for keeping his cool no matter what is going on around him, there would have been no celebration for Princeton.

On Friday night against eighth-seeded Colgate in the ECACH semis, Kalemba made several diving saves in the first two periods to keep the No. 2 Tigers in the game as the Princeton offense sputtered and the teams headed into the dressing room for the second intermission knotted in a scoreless tie.

Tiger freshman Matt Arhontas broke the ice, scoring with 12 minutes left and then Kevin Lohry added two goals as Princeton won 3-0. Kalemba ended the night with 27 saves as he recorded his third shutout in four playoff games this season.

A night later against third-seeded Harvard, Kalemba was sharp again, stoning one shot after another as he held the Crimson scoreless through the first two periods.

The Tiger offense, meanwhile, was clicking as senior captain Mike Moore scored five minutes into the game and classmate Landis Stankievech scored midway through the second period.

Kalemba then showed he was human, allowing a power play goal in the first minute of the third period. But the 5'11 native of Saddle Brook, N.J. was perfect after that blip while Brett Wilson and Mark Magnowski added goals to give Princeton the final tallies in its 4-1 win.

The triumph improved 15th-ranked Princeton to 21-13 and earned the Tigers their first trip to the NCAA tournament since the 1997-98 season.

Princeton will head to Madison, Wis. as the fourth seed in the Midwest regional, taking on No. 1 North Dakota on March 29. The winner will advance to the regional title game the next day to face the victor of the Denver-Wisconsin clash with a spot in the Frozen Four on the line.

Princeton head coach Guy Gadowsky recognized that it was the ice water in Kalemba's veins that was largely responsible for earning Princeton its trip to the NCAA tourney.

"The truth is I have never seen a performance like that in person," said Gadowsky, looking resplendent in the post-game media conference in his black suit and a grin that never left his face.

"That's the best goaltending performance that I have had the privilege of being part of whether on the losing or winning end of it. He's phenomenal but there's not one of our guys who is surprised at what he can do, especially in high pressure situations. It just doesn't get to him."

Predictably, the unflappable Kalemba, sporting a playoff beard, took a matter-of-fact tone as he analyzed his brilliant weekend.

"I think I had a couple of breaks that went my way, a couple of bounces that a couple of weeks ago would have went in," said Kalemba, who recorded 35 saves in the win over Harvard. "For some reason or another, I reacted quicker and pucks just seemed to hit me."

Kalemba did acknowledge that he was rattled briefly in the Harvard game. "I think on their first power play, there were a couple of shots I didn't see clearly and I got a pad on them at the last minute," recalled Kalemba, who now has a goals against average of 2.36 a game this season.

"I think that on the first power play, if they had scored there it would have been a different game. In the second period, they had a couple of tricky shots and I was in their path when they shot it."

Princeton senior captain and star defenseman Mike Moore wasn't surprised that Kalemba was an obstacle in Harvard's path.

"I think the first thing is that we haven't seen anything different from the first time I met him, every practice, every workout, he's so calm," said Moore, who was named to the All-Tournament team along with Kevin Lohry.

"He builds the confidence in the net for us. He's intense in practice, he's a leader. It starts from the goal out. He's a rock back there for us. He deserved the award as player of the tournament."

In Gadowsky's view, his team deserved to win the ECACH crown. "They are such high quality guys," asserted Gadowsky, whose team established a program record for most wins in a season with the triumph over Harvard.

"They are so impressive I can't say I'm surprised. When you get to see them everyday, they are consistently great people. I believe that good things happen to great people. All 26 of those guys are great people."

SPLIT SCREEN: Princeton University men's hockey goalie Zane Kalemba moves into a split last Friday as he made one of his 27 saves in Princeton's 3-0 win over Colgate in the ECAC Hockey semifinals. A night later, Kalemba made 35 saves as Princeton topped Harvard 4-1 to win the ECACH title game. Kalemba was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. The triumph improved 15th-ranked Princeton to 21-13 and earned the Tigers their first trip to the NCAA tournament since the 1997-98 season. Princeton will head to Madison, Wis. as the fourth seed in the Midwest Regional, taking on No. 1 North Dakota on March 29. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

One of those great people, senior Stankievech, who was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship last November, was thrilled to notch what turned out to be the game-winning goal.

"Mike [Moore] was dialing along the boards and I was just trying to back him up there and the puck kind of squirted back to me," recalled Stankievech, who has also won Princeton's Pyne Prize and the ECACH Scholar-Athlete award this season.

"I looked and there was no one in front of the net at the time but I threw it at the net. As I watched it go, Kevin Lohry was skating toward the net, I thought Richter [Harvard goalie Kyle Richter] just caught it and there would be a whistle and all of a sudden everybody started cheering. I thought Lohry must have tipped it or something. I mean I was just happy to see it go in ultimately."

In Stankievech's view, scoring the goal that helped Princeton win the ECACH rivaled the feeling he had when he learned he was a Rhodes Scholar.

"I don't know what is the bigger honor," said Stankievech. "I know one thing — if I wasn't on this team with these guys and this coaching staff, I wouldn't be a Rhodes Scholar. This is pretty special because it's not just me, it's 26 guys and three coaches that are part of my family. This one in a way is a lot more enjoyable."

Achieving both goals was the result of a process that began the day he walked into Princeton.

"In academics, hockey, or a job, whatever your goals are, a big part of accomplishing them is taking care of the details," asserted Stankievech.

"Doing the right thing on the ice in practice, in the weight room, off the ice making sure you get your sleep for your athletics and your mind. If you take care of the details, good things kind of tend to work out. I obviously wanted to win the ECAC but I wasn't thinking I was going to be scoring the game winning goal. I was just thinking take it a day at a time, a goal at a time. I just tried to accomplish small goals along the way."

Now, Stankievech and his teammates have their sights on a bigger goal.

"I don't think there will be any change in mentality; we started the year off 5-8 and people might have considered us underdogs in some of the games we played," said Stankievech.

"But we played the same way every game — just do the little things that make us Princeton hockey. Next weekend, we'll just do the same thing. We're not content to just win this league. If any team starts the year and says their goal is not to win the national championship, they are not going to win it. I think we just have to keep taking one game at a time, our goal is to win a national championship."

Kalemba, meanwhile, is determined to keep his laser-like focus.

"Once the puck drops, I don't think about what the other goalie is like," said Kalemba.

If Kalemba can keep playing like he did last weekend, Princeton could get a shot at achieving its ultimate goal.

—Bill Alden

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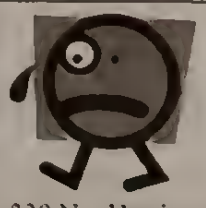
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Postcards From Albany: PU Men's Hockey Had Capital Time as It Captured ECACH

The Princeton University men's hockey team headed up to Albany, N.Y. last weekend with high hopes that it could win the program's first league title since the 1997-98 season.

The second-seeded Tigers were the best team left with No. 1 Clarkson bowing out in the ECACH quarterfinals.

Yet, Princeton came out tight Friday night against No. 8 Colgate. The Tigers seemed a step slow as the Inspired Raiders battled Princeton to a 0-0 tie after two periods. Only some dazzling saves by Princeton goalie Zane Kalemba kept Colgate from breaking though.

In the third period, Tiger freshman forward Matt Arhontas kept up his superb playoff run, scoring with 12 minutes left to give Princeton a 1-0 lead. Kevin Lohry scored two more goals and Kalemba kept up his impeccable work between the pipes as Princeton won 3-0.

A night later, Princeton was not to be denied as it battled third-seeded Harvard in the title game. Princeton built a 2-0 lead after two periods and added two more tallies in the third as it skated to a sweet 4-1 win.

In the wake of the raucous post-game celebration, the Princeton players lingered on the ice at the Times Union Center as long as they could, savoring a feeling the program hadn't experienced in a decade.

This weekend, Princeton will head to another capital city, Madison, Wis. as it plays in the NCAA tournament and hopes to savor something a Tiger team has never done — winning in the national tourney.

—Bilt Alden

BREAKING THE ICE: Princeton University men's hockey player Matt Arhontas celebrates after scoring the Tigers' go-ahead goal in its 3-0 win over Colgate last Friday in the semifinals of the ECAC Hockey tournament. The score was Arhontas' fourth goal in four playoff contests. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

CAPITAL TIME: Princeton University men's hockey player Taylor Fedun streaks up the ice at the Times Union Center in Albany, N.Y. last weekend at the ECACH tournament. After winning the ECACH title, Fedun and his teammates will head to another capital city, Madison, Wis., as they play in the NCAA tournament. Princeton is the fourth seed in the Midwest Regional, taking on No. 1 North Dakota on March 29. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

MAN OF THE HOUR: Princeton University men's hockey goalie Zane Kalemba does a television interview after posting a shutout over Colgate last Friday in the semifinals of the ECAC Hockey tournament. Kalemba, who recorded 35 saves in Princeton's 4-1 win over Harvard on Saturday in the title game, was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

KNOCKING ON THE DOOR: Princeton University men's hockey player Kyle Hagel, right, tries to get the puck past Colgate goalie Mark Oekanich last Friday in Princeton's 3-0 win over the Raiders in the ECACH semifinals. A night later, Hagel chipped in an assist as Princeton topped Harvard 4-1 in the title game. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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With Senior Star Amo Triggering Offense, PU Women's Lax Produces Sizzling Start

Ashley Amo was a bit under the weather as she hit the field for the Princeton University women's lacrosse team last Wednesday for its clash against visiting James Madison.

"I'm actually sick," said Amo, a senior attacker from Ridgewood, N.J. "I was a little nervous because I could barely breathe."

Shaking off her illness and a steady rain, Amo produced a career game, scoring eight points on four goals and four assists as the Tigers pulled away to a 17-10 win over JMU.

Three days later, Amo made another foe sick, scoring a goal and adding two assists as Princeton pulled off a dramatic 8-7 win over then-No. 2 Virginia to improve to 6-0 on the season.

As a two-year starter and co-captain, Amo feels a responsibility to lead the Princeton offense.

"I'm the only captain on the offense because Coxie [Katie Cox] and Norris [Norris Novak] are more on the defense," said Amo, who has a team-high 20 points on seven goals and 13 assists.

"My job is to help the younger ones out like Lizzie Drumm. She is doing a really great job but it's really intimidating."

Amo thrives in her role as the Tigers' offensive quarterback. "I'm trying to set the bigger players up; I love being a feeder," added Amo.

"I love getting cuts from Lewey [Katie Lewis-Lamonica] and Schwab [Kristin Schwab], they are the best cutters on our team. It's great setting people up."

With Princeton now up to No. 2 in the national rankings after the win over Virginia, Amo sees the team's offensive balance as its chief asset.

"I think that's what is so deadly about us, we have so many threats, said Amo.

"One day when someone is not on, other people are on so it's been great for us. It's nice, less pressure on everybody. Our big mantra for the season is teamwork. We really want to work together, work for each other really hard."

The Tigers have shown that teamwork on the defensive end as well.

"Our redefend, our ride has been unreal because we are busting so hard for each other to get the ball back," asserted Amo, who now has 81 points in her Princeton career. "I think it's the balance, our defense is playing awesome."

Princeton head coach Chris Sailer thinks it's awesome to have someone like Amo leading the team's offense.

"Ashley's really a great leader on the offense; she sees the game really well," said Sailer.

"She talks and communicates really well. She makes good decisions. It's great to have someone with her experience, maturity, and leadership out there."

Sailer likes the way Amo has matured into her role as the team's key playmaker.

"She's only been a starter for two years so she took on some of that role for us last year and has really taken it over this year."

Amo's leadership on attack has helped Princeton develop a balanced offense.

"That's great, different kids are scoring," said Sailer, who got goals from seven different players in the victory over Virginia with the game-winner coming from junior Christine Casaceli with 2.7 seconds left in regulation.

In Sailer's view, her team is in a great position as it begins its Ivy League campaign by hosting Cornell on March 29.

"I think we are in a good place," said Sailer. "We've played hard competition so far and have done well. Obviously we have high goals and we always see room for improvement. We've played a lot of talented teams."

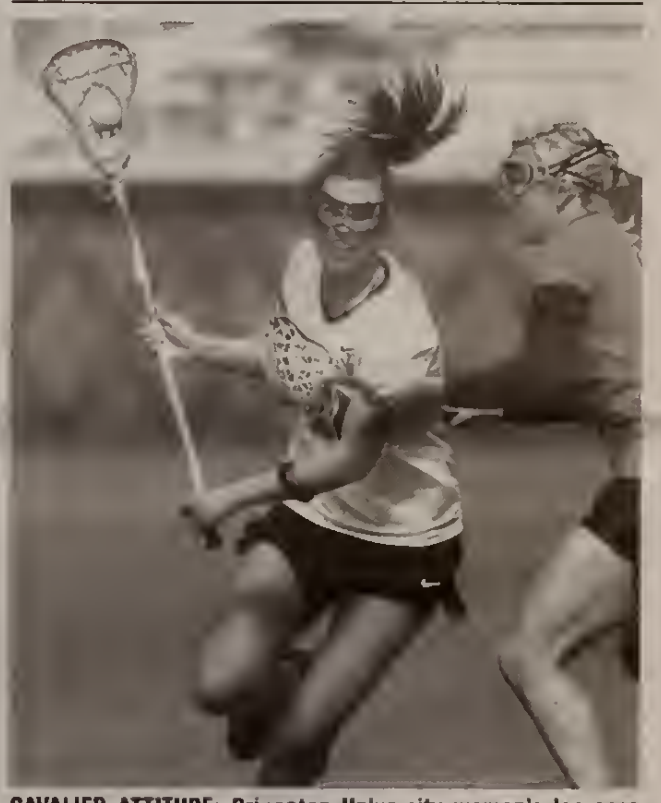
Amo, for her part, said her classmates are determined to prove that Princeton is one of the most talented teams in the country.

"We've wanted to have a season like this, especially the seniors," asserted Amo.

"We've not been to the Final 4. When I committed here, they were back-to-back national champs. We don't want it to be on our shoulders to be the class that didn't keep that tradition. We're definitely ready to take it to the next level."

—Bill Alden

TRIGGER HAPPY: Princeton University women's lacrosse star Ashley Amo eludes a Virginia defender last Saturday in Princeton's 8-7 win over the Cavaliers. Senior co-captain Amo contributed a goal and two assists in the win as the Tigers improved to 6-0 on the season. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*



CAVALIER ATTITUDE: Princeton University women's lacrosse attacker Christine Casaceli looks for daylight last Saturday in Princeton's clash with powerful Virginia. Junior Casaceli scored the winning goal with 2.7 seconds left in regulation as the Tigers edged the Cavaliers 8-7. In upcoming action, second-ranked Princeton begins its Ivy League campaign by hosting Cornell on March 29. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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PU Sports Roundup

PU Women Swimmers Earn All-American Honors

Princeton University women's swimming sophomore star Alicia Aemisegger earned her fourth All-America honor of the weekend and the seventh of her career during Saturday's final session of the 2008 NCAA women's swimming and diving championships at Ohio State.

Aemisegger, the two-time Ivy League Championships Swimmer of the Meet placed eighth in the 1650 freestyle, which gave her three Top 10 NCAA finishes for the first time in her career.

The Oreland, Pa. native also claimed All-America honors in the 500 free (fourth) and the 400 individual medley (fourth), and was part of an Honorable Mention All-America 800 free relay team, Princeton's first since 1981. The relay team also included Meredith Monroe, Brett Shiflett, and Justina Di Fazio.

Princeton Baseball Goes 1-3 at Navy

Unable to build on a lead-off homer by Dan DeGeorge, the Princeton University baseball team fell 3-2 at Navy last Sunday in the final game of a four-game set between the teams.

The Tigers dropped three of the four games with their lone victory coming in a 20-4 win last Saturday in a night-cap of a doubleheader.

In upcoming action, the Tigers, now 7-9, play at Rutgers on March 26 and then open Ivy League play with home doubleheaders against Dartmouth on March 29 and Harvard on March 30.

Princeton Softball Falls in Trip Finale

The Princeton University softball team ended its annual California swing on a down note last Sunday as Wisconsin blasted walk-off home run in the bottom of the seventh to defeat the Tigers 3-2 in the Stanford tournament.

It was Princeton's seventh one-run loss of the season and sixth on a spring trip that saw the Tigers win one of 13 games.

Tiger pitching ace Kristen Schaus (1-11) struck out five and gave up five hits, walking two. Princeton outhit the Badgers 6-5 with six Tigers getting one hit apiece.

Princeton, now 3-17, opens its Ivy League campaign by hosting doubleheaders with Dartmouth on March 29 and Harvard on March 30.

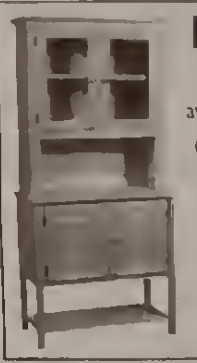
PU Women's Water Polo Falls to Loyola-Marymount

Unable to get its offense untracked, the 20th-ranked Princeton University women's water polo team fell 6-4 to No. 11 Loyola Marymount last Thursday.

The loss dropped the Tigers to 12-8 on the season. In upcoming action, Princeton plays at Bucknell on March 28.

WIND TUNNEL: Princeton University men's lacrosse player Rich Sgalardi fights off an Albany player last Friday. Unable to overcome a fired up opponent and windy conditions, Princeton fell 10-2 to the Great Danes. The Tigers, now 2-3, were slated to host Rutgers on March 25 before starting Ivy League play on March 29 with a home game against Yale.

ANCHORS AWEIGH: The Princeton University men's lightweight crew churns to the finish in action two years ago. The Tiger crew programs open their 2008 season this weekend. The Tiger men's lightweight crew is at Navy on March 29 while the women's lightweight rowers compete in the Windermere Cup in Washington. The Princeton men's heavyweight crew and women's open rowers will both be in action on Lake Carnegie this Saturday. The men are hosting Georgetown while the women will be battling Brown and Michigan State. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



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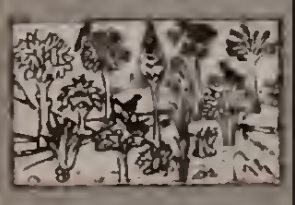

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WINTER REVIEW

Hun Hoops Star Gratch, PDS Goalie Jabs Get Nod as Town Topics' Top Winter Stars

Some athletes pay lip service to the notion of team first but not Emily Gratch.

The senior forward for the Hun School girls' basketball team did whatever the Raiders needed this winter, whether it was a big shot, a deft pass, a pat on the back, or stacking up the chairs after a home game to clean the gym.

A starter from the day she walked into Hun in 2004, Gratch saved her best for last this winter as she concluded her glittering career in style.

The Lehigh-bound Gratch scored a team-high 17.0 points a game to lead Hun to a 19-8 mark and the title games of both the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) and state Prep A tournaments.

Gratch's leadership and basketball skills came in handy as she helped Hun rebound from a five-game losing streak in the middle of the season. With Gratch keeping a cool head and providing some hot shooting, Hun reeled off 12 straight wins coming into MAPL title game.

Gratch ended her career with more than 1,550 points, the second-most in program behind only Courtney Tierney.

And while Gratch's career ended on a disappointing note as the Raiders fell to Peddie in the Prep A championship game, that didn't take away from the bonds she formed with her teammates.

"It's not like I try to be a leader; I just have so much fun with the girls," asserted Gratch, who helped Hun go 84-24 in her career.

"On and off the court, we are best friends. I will do anything for the girls; I am there for them for anything."

Hun head coach Bill Holup admires all the things that Gratch did for the Raiders in her four years.

"It's unbelievable what she has meant to the program," said Holup, who calls Gratch the best player he has coached during his tenure with the program.

"We know that she can score. When she draws double and triple teams, she'll dish it off to somebody that's open. The rebounding is always there, as is her defense. She will even handle the ball when we need it. We really look to her."

Off the court, Gratch and her classmates set a special tone. "They are not just talented basketball players, they are tremendous people," asserted Holup, referring to his group of seniors. "The rest of us are better people for having gotten to know them."

For providing talent and character in leading Hun to new heights, Gratch is the choice as the Town Topics' top female performer of the high school winter season.

Top Male Performer

Coming into the winter, Princeton Day School boys' ice hockey coach Scott Bertoli acknowledged that his team was thin in numbers.

With two main lines and four key defensemen, Bertoli knew that the team couldn't afford any bad luck.

But the injury bug hit the Panthers as star defenseman Erik Donovan, junior forward Max Popkin, and high-scoring forward Mike Darrar were all sidelined at various points this season.

Dealing with such adversity, it would have been understandable if the undermanned Panthers had folded.

With PDS forced to rely on goalie Nick Jabs to hold the fort, the junior played like a man as the Panthers put together a superb campaign.

In the state Prep tournament semifinals, Jabs was sharp as he stifled Pennington in a 7-2 win.

Against high-powered Morristown-Beard in the Prep title game, Jabs stood on his head for the first two periods of the contest. Repelling one rush after another, Jabs made 27 saves in the first two periods as the teams skated to a scoreless tie.

While Jabs couldn't hold off the Crimson single-handedly as they broke through in the third period, he ended up with 34 saves in the 4-0 loss.

In reflecting on his performance, Jabs knew that he was carrying a heavy burden for the Panthers.

"Coming into the game coach asked me if I was ready to make 30 or 40 saves and I said 'yeah,'" recalled Jabs.

"It started in warm-ups; I felt good. I went out there and after the first couple of shots, it just started to click."

Bertoli, for his part, made no bones about Jabs' contribution. "Let's be honest, if it wasn't for Nick it could have been two or three to nothing in each period," said Bertoli, reflecting on his goaltender's stellar effort.

Jabs' performance against Mo-Beard, however, was just the prelude to the remarkable run he put together in the Mercer County Tournament (MCT).

With the Panthers making their return to the competition after a hiatus of several years, Jabs emerged as the star of the MCT. He posted shutouts in three straight games as the seventh-seeded Panthers topped No. 10 Pennington 3-0, second-seeded Notre Dame 2-0, and 14th-seeded Hun 1-0 to reach the title game.

In the championship game, Jabs held fourth-seeded Hopewell Valley to one goal through two periods but the short-handed Panthers ran out of gas, falling 4-2 to the Bulldogs.

While the final result was disappointing, the Panthers ended the winter with a 13-7-3, a mark they certainly would not have achieved without Jabs' heroics between the pipes.

For being the last line of defense that held PDS together, Jabs gets the nod as the Town Topics' top male performer of the winter season.

Top Newcomers

Amber Bowman faced an extra set of challenges as she entered her freshman season this winter with the Stuart Country Day basketball team.

In addition to getting up to speed at a higher level of basketball, Bowman had to make some personal adjustments as she got used to playing for her father, Stuart head coach Tony Bowman.

The speedy guard made a smooth transition on both counts, emerging as a star and a team player. Bowman averaged 13.4 points a game as she helped Stuart go 14-10 and reach the Prep B semifinals and the MCT quarterfinals.

In reflecting on her debut season, Bowman said playing for her father helped her excel.

"It's fun; I don't think of him as my dad," said Bowman. "When he is instructing us, he's just coach. He's instructing us to make us better as a team."

Coach Bowman acknowledged that there were some bumps in the road as his daughter adjusted to his on-court guidance.

"It's sometimes difficult; she takes what I say personally because I'm dad," said Bowman. "She's looking at me as coach; that's what we're doing now. It took us a while to get that point but we are there now."

Showing his fatherly pride, Bowman praised his daughter's progress in her debut season.

"She brings athleticism; she's able to finish and hit the jumper," asserted Bowman. "She is going to the basket and looking for the open player. She's averaging four or five assists a game so that complements everything."

The younger Bowman, for her part, enjoyed dealing with the on-court challenges she faced at the high school level.

"It's more running; it's more plays," said Bowman. "I'm adjusting to it."

For giving Stuart a consistent spark and fitting seamlessly into the team culture, Bowman is the pick as the Town Topics' top female newcomer of the winter season.

Skye Ettin kept an open mind as he moved up to the Princeton High varsity boys' basketball team this season.

"I didn't really know what to expect coming into this," said sophomore forward Ettin.

"I tried to do what the coach told me and work really hard. I try to be as aggressive as I could and bring as much energy as I could to the team."

The 6'3 Ettin brought energy and production to the Little Tigers all winter long, slashing to the basket as he opened up opposing defenses.

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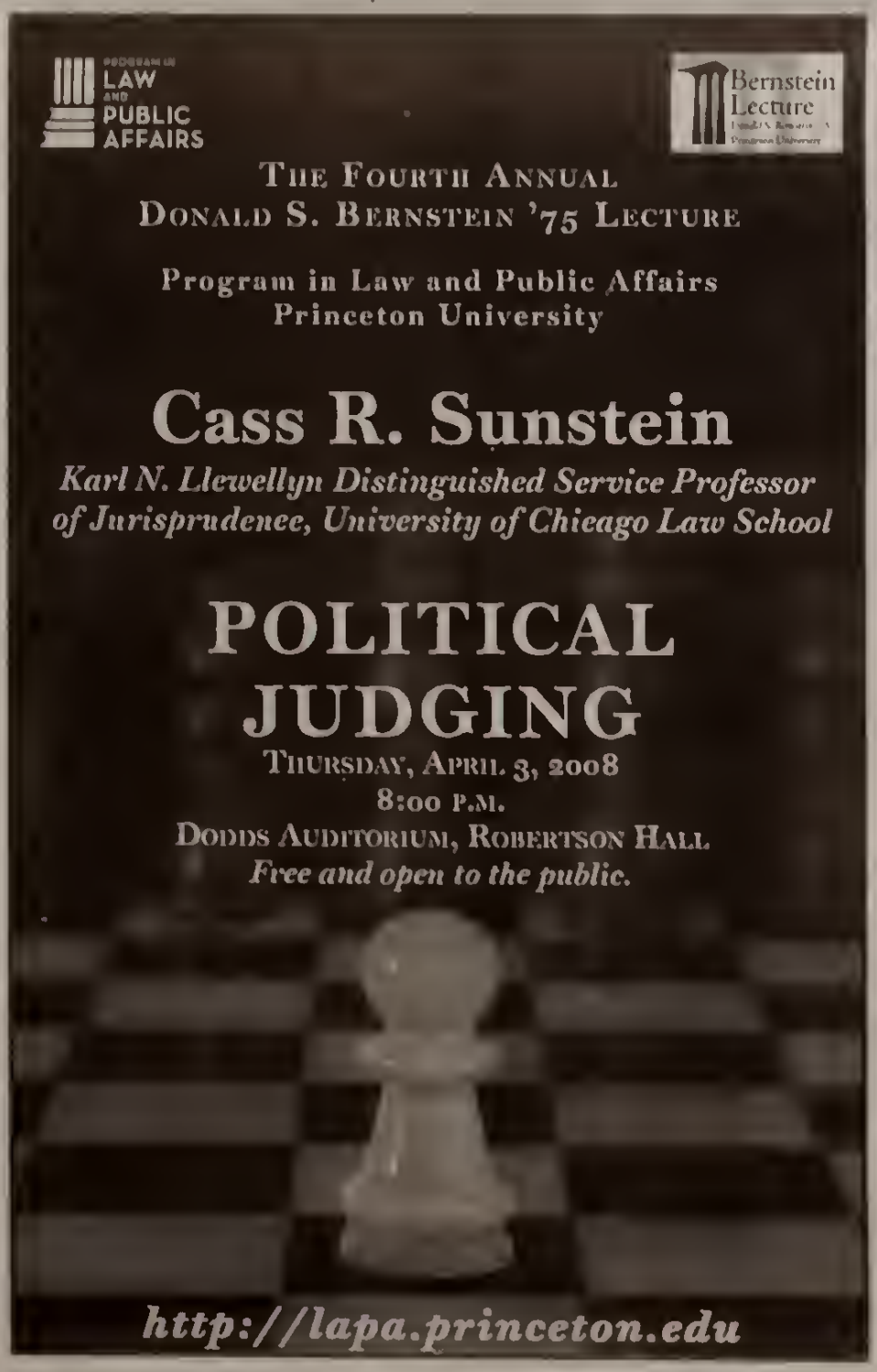

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Ettin also showed a deft touch from the outside and at the foul line as he emerged as a stalwart of a PHS team that made the state playoffs for the first time since the 2000-01 season.

He averaged 10.6 points and 7.6 rebounds a game as he helped Princeton go 12-11 this winter, a marked improvement on the 7-15 record posted in 2006-07.

PHS head coach Jason Carter appreciated what Ettin brought to the team.

"Skye has a great attitude," said Carter. "Skye is extremely coachable. You tell him one thing and he can adjust. He's smart; he loves basketball and he's becoming a great basketball player."

The fearless attitude and polished game displayed by Ettin in his debut campaign make him the choice as the Town Topics' top male newcomer of the winter season.

Top Coaches

As she took the helm of the Princeton Day School girls' basketball team, Jessica Katz exuded confidence.

"I'm looking for a winning season; that's not an unrealistic goal," maintained Katz.

"I think we are going to surprise some people. It's a different team from last year; we have an inside presence. We are going to have to play smart, hard defense. We have to keep moving the ball and make sure to get all five players involved."

Katz's aims seemed unrealistic with the program coming off a disappolnting 6-15 season.

But with the combination of hard-nosed senior guard Hannah Epstein and precocious freshman center Tiffany Patterson, the Panthers served notice early on that things were going to be different as they got off to a 4-2 start, including a rare win over Prep A foe Blair.

PDS built on that solid start, posting wins over Colonial Valley Conference squads Princeton High and Robbinsville as well as a sweet win over perennial nemesis Lawrenceville.

Earning a third-seed in the state Prep A playoffs, PDS came through with a home win over Blair to advance to the semifinals.

While PDS fell to Hun in the semis, it ended up the season with an 11-11 mark and gained new respect in local hoops circles.

Senior star Epstein credited Katz with playing a major role in the program's reversal of fortune.

"Coach Katz has a very positive outlook on things," said Epstein. "She is really, really focused on the basics which I think has made a huge difference for us. She came in and set the standard; we knew who was boss. But she also knows how to be our friend and have fun which makes for a really good balance."

For utilizing a positive approach combined with a focus on fundamentals in turning PDS around, Katz is the choice as the Town Topics' top coach among winter girls' teams.

For the last six seasons, the goal had been the same for the Princeton High boys' basketball team — achieving the .500 record necessary to qualify for the state tournament.

But desplte having plenty of talented athletes go through the program, the Little Tigers had fallen well short of that goal year after year.

This winter, former PHS star athlete Jason Carter became the latest head coach to chase that goal as he took over the team.

Carter vowed to utilize a no-nonsense approach as he looked to rebuild a program that was coming off a 7-15 campaign.

"I run a tight ship; if I say something at practice, I want them to just do it," asserted Carter, a football, basketball, and lacrosse star at PHS who went on to play football and soccer at Rowan College.

"Our guys are going to play hard and compete in every game. We are going to play defense. We have athleticism and speed and we are going to use it."

PHS didn't wait long to put its athleticism and speed to use as it routed Lawrence 73-40 in the season opener.

The Little Tigers hit some bumps in the road as they lost six of their first nine games. But with the unwavering Carter at the helm, PHS caught fire as it won five straight games.

In that fifth win, PHS beat powerful Hamilton 67-63 to clinch the elusive state tournament berth. In the next week, PHS beat local rival Princeton Day School to advance to the MCT quarterfinals.

In late February, 13th-seeded PHS travelled to No. 4 Monmouth Regional to play in the opening round of the NJSIAA Group III Central Jersey sectional. Digging itself an early 8-0 hole and then falling behind by 17 points early in the second half, the Little Tigers never stopped fighting, clawing to within four points.

While PHS ended up losing the game 71-58 to end the season at 12-11, Carter was proud of what his team accomplished.

"It's been awesome; it's been a fun ride," said Carter. "We had this expectation at the beginning of the season and any time you meet your goal, it's satisfying. I'm hoping we can take it to the next level. We have a nice group of players."

For breathing new life into the PHS program with his no-nonsense approach, Carter gets the nod as the Town Topics' top coach among boys' teams this winter.

—Bill Alden

SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT: Princeton High boys' basketball first-year head coach Jason Carter shouts out instructions during a game this past season. Carter made quite a debut at the helm of the program, guiding PHS to a 12-11 record and its first appearance in the state tournament since the 2000-01 season. *(Photo by Stephen Goldsmith)*

TEAM PLAYER: Hun School senior forward Emily Gratch looks for a teammate in action this season. Gratch's leadership and basketball skills helped Hun to a 19-8 mark and the title games of both the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) and state Prep A tournaments. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

IH THE NICK OF TIME: Princeton Day School junior goalie Nick Jabs, middle, prepares to make a save in a game this winter. Jabs' stellar play in the net helped POS go 13-7-3 and advance to the championship games in both the state Prep tournament and the Mercer County Tournament. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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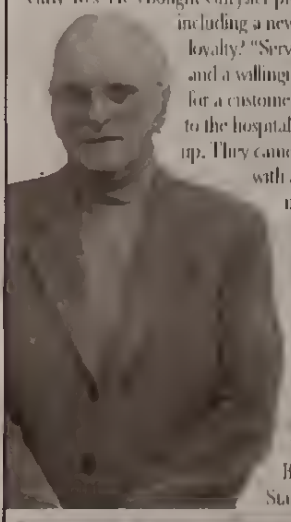

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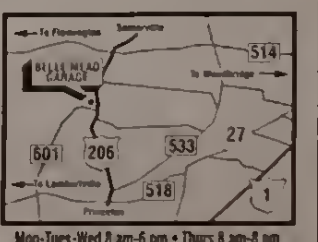

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Stuart Lax Relying on Balanced Attack As It Chases 4th Straight Prep B Crown

When senior star Kelly Bruvik went down with a season-ending knee injury early last spring, it looked like the Stuart Country Day lacrosse team was facing some hard times.

Rebounding from the injury to its top scorer and team leader, Stuart went on to win the program's third straight Prep B title, routing Rutgers Prep 13-2 in the championship game.

In the process of adjusting to Bruvik's absence and winning the title, two of Stuart's young guns, Elizabeth Bucklee and Caroline Passano, took on additional responsibilities and emerged as stars.

As the Tartans look forward to starting the 2008 season, Stuart head coach Sara Wagner points to the dynamic juniors Bucklee and Passano as the strength of her squad.

"They have been working hard and playing in the offseason," said Wagner, whose team starts its 2008 season by playing at Pennington on April 1.

"They are bigger, stronger, and faster. We are going to score. Bucky and Passano should be the leading scorers but they will get some good help."

Others who should produce on attack for Stuart include sophomores Amanda Curnan and Kara Weeks together with senior Kelsey Semrod.

"Bucklee and Passano were our top two scorers last year and Curnan was fourth," said Wagner, who is in her fifth year guiding the Tartans and led the team to a 7-8 record last season.

"Kelsey has concentrated on tennis in the past and she is focusing on lacrosse this spring. Kara Weeks is also good. We have a lot of players that like to go to goal."

The Tartans also have a goal-scoring threat in the midfield in junior Jackie Radvany.

"We are looking for Jackie to lead us in the midfield," added Wagner, who will also use sophomores Alex Abad and Marielle Mahan in the midfield. "We may move her up to attack at times; she has such a good shot."

Stuart boasts a quartet of versatile athletes in seniors Katie Baker, Raines Plambeck, and Selene Elesson together with sophomore Sarah Schuite who should help shore up both the midfield and defense.

"Raines, Katie, Selene, and Sarah will lead the defense," said Wagner. "They also can play some midfield; they are interchangeable.

Stuart has a solid last line of defense in sophomore goalie Sarah Caswell, known as "Dewey" by her teammates.

"Dewey did a good job for us as a freshman last year and she has that year of experience," added Wagner. "She worked hard in the offseason, playing goalie is her thing."

In order to be successful, Stuart's players will have to work hard all over the field.

"We have to transition well; we have to be flexible," asserted Wagner.

"We don't have a lot of depth so if players get tired they have to switch positions. We have to remain upbeat."

In Wagner's view, the team has the right mindset to meet that challenge. "The chemistry has been good, it's gone very smoothly," said Wagner.

"The seniors are tough on the field but they are low key personalities. They are inclusive. It's a really nice mix. They are tough and intense but they bring a big radio to practice and play tunes. I like that."

And if the Tartans can find a rhythm offensively, Wagner should like what she sees this spring.

—Bill Alden

THE BUCK STOPS HERE: Stuart lacrosse star Elizabeth Bucklee wards off a foe in action last spring. Junior attacker Bucklee emerged as an offensive force last season and the Tartans will be depending on her for big production in the upcoming season. The Tartans start their 2008 campaign when they play at Pennington on April 1. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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PDS Boys' Lacrosse Working as a Group; Believes Teamwork Will Lead to Success

Rob Tuckman will tell you that his Princeton Day School boys' lacrosse team won't feature any go-to offensive player this spring.

But the second-year head coach maintains that may be a good thing as the team looks to improve on the 5-10 record it posted last season.

"In years past, we've had real individual standouts and the guys tended to watch that player perform," said Tuckman, whose team is currently on a preseason training trip in South Carolina in preparation for its season opener at New Hope Solebury on April 3.

"This year, everyone is working as a group; they are making the extra pass.

The Panthers are showing that teamwork in the midfield where they boast depth and versatility.

"Jake Lipkin is solid," said Tuckman, referring to his rugged senior co-captain.

"Joe Savary used to be on attack and we moved him to midfield. He's running our second line and I think he will be a solid contributor. Ian Crowell, a transfer from HoVal, should help. I'm excited by the fact that we have at least two solid offensive lines and a defensive line."

Other players who should contribute in the midfield include seniors Phil Stadulis, Remy Gunn, Isaac Geltzer, Scotty McCarron together with juniors Frankie Howard and Max Popkin.

On attack, PDS should be paced by the trio of freshman Iain Alexandridis, junior Ben Stadulis, and senior Kevin Shannon.

"Iain is a freshman and will play like a freshman but with that being said, he's incredibly poised," said Tuckman.

"I haven't seen a freshman with his poise in a while. Stadulis is a 3-year starter on varsity as a junior, he's a natural lefty. He's looking to play in college and is taking this seriously. He's been to a lot of camps. Kevin Shannon gives us senior leadership, he's certainly going to produce for us. The offense is really clicking together."

The Panthers' standout player this spring figures to be senior star defenseman and co-captain Warren Wilson.

"Warren has improved incredibly, said Tuckman, whose defensive unit will also include senior Stu Johnson together with juniors Nick Vik and David Greek and sophomore Boris Shkuta.

"He's looking to play college ball; several schools are looking at him. He's an incredible leader; he's aggressive, fast and has a good stick. He will be running our defense."

Tuckman is hoping for a star to emerge at goalie where he is looking at sophomores Brooks Herr and Ethan Geltzer together with freshman Roger Mittnacht.

"We have three kids fighting for the position; it's a good thing," said Tuckman.

"They are taking shots before, during and after practice. They have good fundamentals. I have not worked out who is going to be the starter; I would like to see one guy emerge. It's good for one guy to be the main goalie because he can develop a rhythm and work with the defense."

With PDS facing tough competition in both its Bianchi Division and prep games, Tuckman knows that his team is fighting an uphill battle.

"My hope is that we'll surprise some guys and be competitive," asserted Tuckman.

"The key is our goal differential margin. I'm OK with goals that are bound to go in but not giving up goals that shouldn't happen. I'm confident in our defense and the offense is starting to click. We are young so we have to be creative."

—Bill Alden

STRIP SEARCH: Princeton Day School star defenseman Warren Wilson, right, strips the ball from an opponent in a game last season. Senior star Wilson will be the defensive leader again this spring as PDS aims to rebound from last year's 5-10 record. The Panthers get their season underway by hosting New Hope Solebury on April 3. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Hun Boys' Lax Aims to Play Smart As It Deals With Graduation Losses

Last spring, a group of high-powered veterans led the Hun School boys' lacrosse team to a superb season.

Featuring such college lax prospects as Colin Rosenblum, Joe Deane, Taylor Tripucka, and Chris Trombino, Hun went 14-6 on the season and advanced to the state Prep A championship game where they lost to nationally-ranked Lawrenceville.

With graduation depleting his roster by nearly 15 players, Hun head coach Greg Provenzano seemingly has cause to be worried coming into the 2008 season.

While Provenzano acknowledges that his program lost some talent, he is excited about leading the group of young players he has this spring.

"I've got two or three seniors and the rest are juniors and freshmen," said Provenzano, whose team opens its season on March 29 when it plays at St. Luke's.

"The team unity is terrific; they are a very coachable group. We don't have any superstars. If we coach them well, they will be competitive."

The Raiders' attack unit of juniors Zach Martin, Sam Rosenberg, Matt Deane, and Harry Blackburn together with freshman Will Sweetland should keep Hun competitive in most games.

"Zach Martin is the main guy, he's doing some nice work," said Provenzano.

"The freshmen are impressing me. When I played, the freshmen had to wait their turn. These guys can get right in there, they aren't intimidated.

Hun's main intimidator in the midfield figures to be burly junior Brendan Gallagher.

"Brendan is the guy people will be watching," asserted Provenzano. "P.J. Kirnan is doing good work. Nick Ruoco is a senior and should step up."

Others in the midfield mix for Hun include senior Kenny Howard, junior Michael Campellone, together with freshmen Tom Morford and Ryan Patriarca.

The Hun defensive effort should be led by junior defender Geoff Rogers and classmates Chris Loy and Steven Norman, who play both midfield and defense.

"Geoff Rogers is very good," said Provenzano, who will also be looking to Jeff Starr, Bob Piel, and Brian Foley to bolster his defense. "Loy and Norman are outstanding and work well together."

Provenzano likes the work he has been getting at goalkeeper from junior Darrell Washington and freshman Peter Blackburn.

"Darrell Washington looks to be the main guy, he is quick and has experience," said Provenzano, whose team just got back from its annual preseason trip to Florida where it played Phillips Exeter (N.H.), St. John's (Texas), and Suffield (Ct.). "Peter Blackburn is also doing a nice job back there."

If the Raiders are to have a nice season, they will need to play it smart.

"We're playing a controlled game," said Provenzano. "If we execute, we'll be OK. We play well together, everyone knows their role and is willing to do whatever it takes to help us win. We need to be controlled, patient and smart."

—Bill Alden

SPRING FLING: Hun School boys' lacrosse star Brendan Gallagher prepares to fling the ball in action last spring. Junior midfielder Gallagher figures to be a key player for the Raiders this spring. Hun opens its 2008 season by playing at St. Luke's on March 29. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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PDS Baseball Featuring Good Depth; Aims to Build on Last Year's Success

Princeton Day School baseball head coach Bruce Devlin has a problem that most coaches would envy.

"We're deep and competition is a great thing," said Devlin, the seventh year head coach who guided the Panthers to a 14-5 mark last spring.

"We have people battling at just about every position. It's nice to have that depth."

With PDS currently on its annual spring trip to Florida as it prepares for its season opener against visiting Rutgers Prep on April 2, Devlin is using that depth as a motivating tool.

"We have so many kids that have to fight for things," said Devlin. "We tell them that if they don't do something we tell them, there is somebody on the bench who can replace you."

Devlin is pretty sure that senior standouts Clint O'Brien, Mike Shimkin, and Mark Madden will do what they are told.

"Mike and Clint have gotten stronger and so has Mark," added Devlin.

"We have a new fitness center at the school and the kids were going in three times a week; they have all gotten stronger. O'Brien and Shimkin will lead the way offensively along with Jon Scott. Madden hit one out in an intra-squad game the other day. We have a balanced lineup from 1-9. We can do a lot of things, it should be exciting."

PDS' most exciting and inspirational player may be gifted sophomore catcher Scott.

"He's very good; he loves the game and works so hard," noted Devlin.

"He'll take 10,000 swings with the bat and then go into the weight room. He leads by example; he gets the kids motivated by how hard he works. He doesn't want to plateau, he wants to keep improving."

The presence of Scott behind the plate is a security blanket for the PDS pitching staff which features sophomore James Fuhrman and junior Blake Backinoff together with O'Brien and Madden.

"Jim will be at the top of the rotation," said Devlin. "Blake, Clint, and Mark will also pitch. I think we have four quality starters."

Devlin also likes the defense he will be putting in the field behind his mound staff.

"Defensively, we made a big improvement last year," said Devlin, noting that the addition of junior infielder Timmy Barrett should be a big help in the middle of the diamond.

"We went from three and a half errors a game two years ago to two errors a game last year."

PDS is hoping to make improvement overall from its solid season last year.

"As long as we can make plays and get hitting, we should be alright," asserted Devlin.

"I think we will have the hitting. We need to limit errors and not make them at a bad time. It's a good group, they want to get better."

If PDS can keep getting better, the team should produce a season that will be the envy of its foes.

—Bill Alden

JIM DANDY: Princeton Day School pitcher Jim Fuhrman fires a pitch in action last season. PDS is depending on sophomore Fuhrman to lead its mound staff as it looks to improve on the 14-5 record it posted last spring. The Panthers open their 2008 campaign by playing at Rutgers Prep on April 2.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

With Senior Holland Making Farewell Tour, PDS Boys' Tennis Set for Memorable Spring

This spring will be special for the Princeton Day School boys' tennis team as singles superstar David Holland makes his farewell tour.

Coming off a 21-0 season, the Duke-bound Holland will be chasing his fourth straight Prep B first singles title and his third consecutive Mercer County crown.

Longtime PDS head coach Rome Campbell is looking forward to seeing Holland write a stirring final chapter to his career.

"David has taken his game to a new level; physically he's gotten bigger," said Campbell.

"He's 6'2 and has put on some weight. He's much stronger on his groundstrokes and he has more pop in his serve. He's ready for a big year; he will be playing in the bigger matches."

But PDS, which has won three straight Prep B state team titles and placed second in the MCT team standings last spring, is hardly a one man-show with sophomore Neil Karandikar back at second singles, and senior Patrick Murphy and junior Vinay Trevedi teaming up at first doubles.

To get his team battle-hardened, Campbell has lined up some formidable foes this spring.

"We've beefed up the schedule, we picked up Bridgewater-Raritan, Hillsborough, and Lawrence," said Campbell, whose team went 15-1 in dual matches last spring and will open 2008 by hosting Rutgers Prep on April 1.

"We have Delbarton at home. We have the Prep A teams like Lawrenceville, Peddie, and Hun. We have WW/P-S on April 4; that will be a good test for both teams."

Campbell believes that sophomore star Karandikar will be up to most tests this spring and beyond.

"He won the Middle States Tennis Sportsman of the Year award; he's quite a gentleman," said Campbell of Karandikar, who won the titles at second singles last year in both the MCV and Prep B tournament.

"He's also taller and bigger; he has improved from last year. He's been playing in a lot of tournaments and he has been training hard in the fitness center. He will be a nice successor to David."

PDS believes it has a nice combination at first doubles in Patrick Murphy and Vinay Trivedi.

"We are confident they can have a big season and pick up some wins for us," asserted Campbell.

"Murphy is a senior and he's a tough competitor. Vinay is playing well; he has also gotten into the fitness routine."

Campbell is hoping sophomore Alvin Song can get into the winning routine as he moves up to third singles from first doubles.

"He's the big question mark," added Campbell. "It's his first year playing singles for us; he's mainly played doubles in the past. He's certainly improved himself."

At second doubles, Campbell is considering Jeremy Lu, Matt Castello, James Cole, David McCourt, Ellis Ratner, and Jason Kilbourne as he looks to find the right combination at that spot in the lineup.

With Holland and Karandikar at the top of the lineup, Campbell has some lofty goals for his team.

"We want to do as well as we did in the MCT last year; in the preps, we feel that we are going to be a contender to beat," said Campbell.

"It's going to be a special season with David and Neil on the team. We'd like to match our dual meet record of 15-1 but that will be tough."

—Bill Alden

FINAL SET: Princeton Day School boys' tennis star David Holland smacks a forehand in a match last spring. Senior star Holland, who will be playing at Duke next season, is looking to end his PDS career with a bang this spring. Coming off a 21-0 season, Holland will be chasing his fourth straight Prep B first singles title and his third consecutive Mercer County crown. PDS starts its season with a home match against Rutgers Prep on April 1.

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Local Sports

D&R Canal Watch 5k Set for March 29

The 17th annual D&R Canal Watch 5K Fun Run is being held on March 29 ast10a.m in Titusville.

A special 1-mile walk will be held at 9:30 a.m., with commemorative ribbons for all finishers.

With start and finish at the section of Washington Crossing State Park off Route 29 at Route 546, 5K runners will loop through Titusville village with views of the Delaware River and return on the Delaware and Raritan Canal towpath.

Prizes will be awarded to top male and female finishers and first three male and female winners in six age categories.

T-shirts will be given to all pre-registrants and same-day registrants while supplies last. Free orange juice, water, and bagels will be available at the finish line.

Registration is available online at www.active.com or by downloading mail-in race forms from www.canalwatch.org. For more information, call (609) 924-2683 or (609) 777-9379.

Preregister for the run by March 25 for $17 or on race day for $20. The registration fee for the 1-mile walk is $10 by March 25 or $15 on race day.

Proceeds will be used to continue the goal of the D&R Canal Watch to protect and enhance the canal state park.

Princeton Special Sports Holding Baseball Sign-up

Princeton Special Sports (PSS), which provides youth sports programs to special needs children ages 4 through high school, is now registering players for its spring baseball season.

PSS Baseball plays on Sundays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Community Park fields in Princeton from April 13 through June 23. The season fee is $50. PSS also offers full and partial scholarships.

For more information and to download a 2008 Player Registration form, please go to www.princetonspecialsports.com, e-mail pss@patmedia.net, or call Deborah Martin Norcross at (609) 249-5860.

Those interested in being a PSS Buddy, please e-mail pss@patmedia.net or call Ann Diver at (609) 924-0441.

Princeton Recreation Seeking Camp Counselors

The Princeton Recreation Department is accepting applications for summer camp counselors as well as Counselors-In-Training (CIT).

Interested candidates for CIT positions must be 13 years old as of June 23, 2008. CIT positions are volunteer positions. Interested Counselor candidates must be 14 years old as of June 23, 2008. Candidates for Counselor and CIT positions must be available from June 20 through August 1.

Applications are available at the Recreation Department office located at 380 Witherspoon Street, or can be downloaded from the web at www.princetonrecreation.com. The deadline to apply is April 4, 2008.

For more information, please visit the Rec Department website or contact Ben Stentz at (609) 921-9480.

Princeton Recreation Day Camp Registration

Registration is underway for the Princeton Recreation Department summer day camp program.

The Princeton Recreation day camp is open to Princeton Borough/Township residents as well as children of municipal and public school employees.

The day camp is open to children who will be in grades 1– 6 in September. The camp begins on June 23 and will run Monday to Friday from 9a.m. to 3p.m. The last day of camp will be August 1.

There is also pre-camp program (beginning at 7:45 a.m.) with after-camp care available (until 5:30 p.m.) for an additional fee. Early-bird registrants will receive a $40 discount until May 9.

The Princeton Recreation Department day camp uses Community Park South and C.P. Pool as its home base. Activities include daily swimming, arts and crafts, sports, day-trips, nature walks, and special events held at the campsite.

Campers are split up by gender and grade. The counselor/camper ratio is 1/5 for younger groups and 1/8 for older groups.

Registration forms can be picked up at the recreation office or downloaded from www.princetonrecreation.com.

For more information, please visit the Rec Department website or call (609) 921-9480.

PULLING TOGETHER: Members of the Mercer Junior Rowing Club (MJRC) sweat it out as they participated in the club's annual Ergathon fundraiser held earlier this month at the Quakerbridge Mall. Shown here, from left, are rowers Laura Kuhlman and Emily Nowlin. The MJRC begins its spring season by hosting the Mercer Lake Sprints on April 19.

DISTRICT LEADERS: Members of the Princeton Tiger Lilies Under-16 team celebrate after they won the USA Hockey Atlantic District tournament earlier this month in Wayne, N.J. The Tiger Lilies U-16 squad will be competing in the 2008 USA Hockey Nationals from April 2-6 at Ice-Line Rinks in West Chester, Pa. The team includes Princeton residents Perry McCarthy, Addy Godfrey, Cheeky Herr, and Gabby Vukasin.

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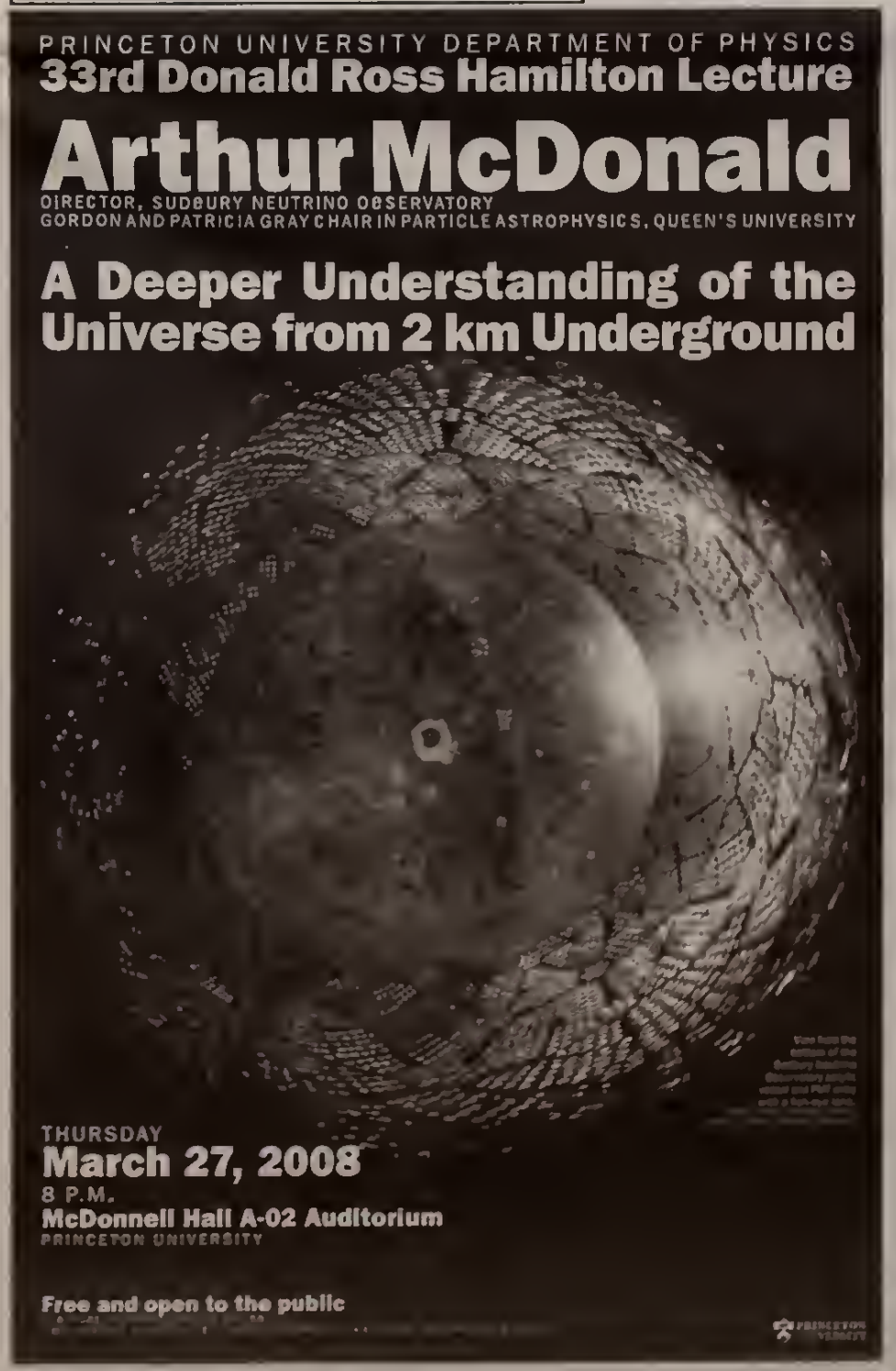

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Obituaries

Margaret Barclay

Margaret Lee King Barclay, 72, of East Lansing, Michigan, a resident of Princeton for nearly 50 years, died March 19 of pancreatic cancer in East Lansing.

Born in Jamestown, N.Y., she was a graduate of Jamestown High School, Pennsylvania State University, and the Sotheby Art Program in New York City.

She was a lifelong member of the Chautauqua Institution's summer community at Chautauqua, New York. As a third-generation Chautauquan, she spent her summers attending lectures and concerts, hosting many Princeton friends, and developing her skills with oils and watercolors. She had a passion for antiques in general and antique dolls in particular. In 2004 she organized the first annual Chautauqua Women's Art and Culture Kamp Outing (WACKO) for a dozen of her Princeton female friends.

A licensed real estate agent and building contractor, she was an accomplished real estate entrepreneur. She renovated 16 homes commercially in Princeton during the 1980s and 1990s, including the six homes in which she and her husband Albert lived during their years in Princeton.

Mrs. Barclay was a member of the Junior League of Princeton, where she was a charter member of the First Wednesday Junior League Sustaining Group and actively involved in the League's Designer Showhouse fundraisers. She also served multiple three-year terms on the board of the Princeton YWCA, and as a Fete volunteer for many years at the University Medical Center at Princeton. Before moving to Michigan in August 2007, she and her husband were longtime members of Nassau Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband, Albert C. Barclay Jr.; a son, Albert III of Atlanta; two daughters, Lee Reimann of East Lansing and Elizabeth Livingston of Bozeman, Mont.; three brothers, Richard King of Fredonia, N.Y., Dr. Donald King of Riverdale, N.Y., and the Rev. James King of Red Bank, N.J.; and six grandchildren.

A Sacred Song service will be held in her honor at 4 p.m. this Saturday, March 29 at Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Princeton YWCA, 59 Paul Robeson Place, Princeton 08540; or to The Chautauqua Fund, P.O. Box 28, Chautauqua, N.Y. 14722; or by contacting David G. Williams, Director of the Chautauqua Fund, at (716) 357-6243.

Patricia E. Tee

Patricia Eulalia Tee, 57, of Boston, Mass., formerly of Princeton, died March 15 at home. She was a resident of Princetun frum 1994 to 2002.

Born in New York City, she grew up in Glen Cove, New York.

She devoted her life to making other people's lives more healthy and productive. She underwent training in nursing at the St. Clare's School of Nursing, receiving her RN in 1970. She pursued her career at the Massachusetts General Hospital, New England Deaconess Hospital, Mt. Auburn Hospital, and other hospitals in the Boston area. She returned to New York City in 1979 to coordinate infectious disease clinical research at the New York University/New York Veteran's Administration Medical Center. She went on to head up HIV clinical research for the National Hemophilia Foundation.

She was a board member of the American Infertility Association and the Boys and Girls Club of the San Francisco Bay Area. She served as a volunteer with the Trenton Crisis Ministry as well as various committees at the Stuart Country Day School and Princeton Day School. She was also a personal/life coach with clients from around the world.

In her later years, she divided her time between her homes in Boston and Sarasota, Fla.

She is survived by her husband, Alan W. Duntun, M.D.; a daughter, Sarah Dorothy Dunton; a son, Warren James Dunton; a sister, Jeanne C. Tee of Quincy, Mass.; and two brothers, William B. Tee of Glen Cove, N.Y. and James R. Tee of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

A memorial service will be held on April 5 at 10:30 a.m. at Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart.

Memorial donations may be made to the Princeton Healthcare System Foundation (www.princetonhcs.org).

Frank L. Vannerson

Frank L. Vannerson of Princeton died March 1 after a brief illness.

Born in Ardmore, Oklahoma in 1938, he had resided in Princeton since 1963.

He received a Ph.D. in Economics from Princeton University in 1968 for his econometric study of the United States wheat market. Shortly thereafter, in 1969, he co-founded Commodities Corporation in Princeton.

In 1986 he co-founded Mount Lucas Management Corporation and served as the company's chairman until his death. The firm developed the MLM index, a price-based measure of the returns in futures markets that is widely used as a benchmark for evaluating investment performance in futures markets.

For many years he served as a member of the Princeton University Economics Department's Advisory Council. He was also a founding member and benefactor of the Center for Economic Policy Studies at Princeton University, and served on the board of the American Foundation to support the Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education and Economics Institute of the Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. The program supports students from throughout the world in obtaining their doctorates in economics.

Dr. Vannerson, a loving husband and father, brought a sense of curiosity and enthusiasm to his work, interests, and life. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and three daughters, Lesley, Amanda, and Claire.

A memorial gathering to celebrate his life will be held on April 1 at 4:30 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, at Princeton University. A reception will follow at the Vannerson home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Vannerson Scholarship Fund of the CERGE-EI Foundation, 715 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck, N.J. 07666.

Dolores Wlazlowski

Dolores Wlazlowski, 81, of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Princeton, died March 18 at Atlanta Hospice.

Born in Elizabeth, N.J., she was the daughter of Antonina and Joseph Gorski. After marrying William Wlazlowski in 1947, she lived in Elizabeth and later South River. After the death of her husband, Bill, she moved to Rossmoor for a short time and then to Princeton. She spent the final years of her life in Atlanta.

In addition to raising her three children, she was employed by Johnson & Johnson in Milltown until her retirement.

Predeceased also by her sister, Jane Abradi, she is survived by her children, Jeanne Donahue of Louisville, Colo., Linda Schaeffer of Atlanta, and William Wlazlowski of Sayreville, N.J.; two brothers, Joseph Gorski and the Rev. John Gorski; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated March 24 at Queenship of Mary Church, Plainsboro. Entombment followed in Holy Cross Burial Park.

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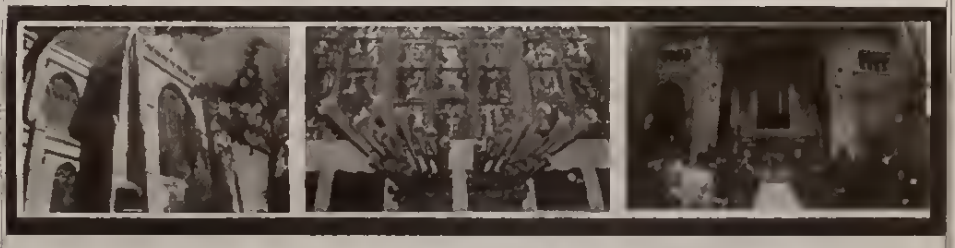

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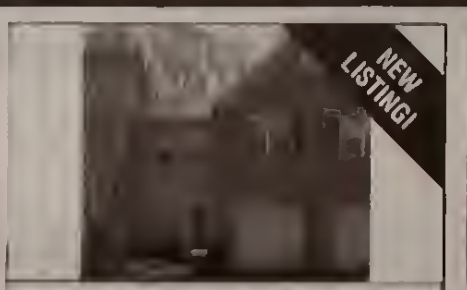

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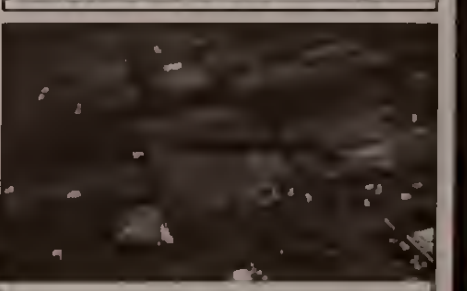

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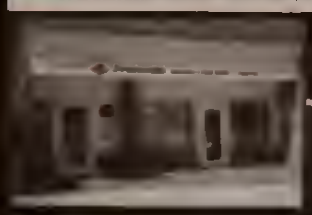

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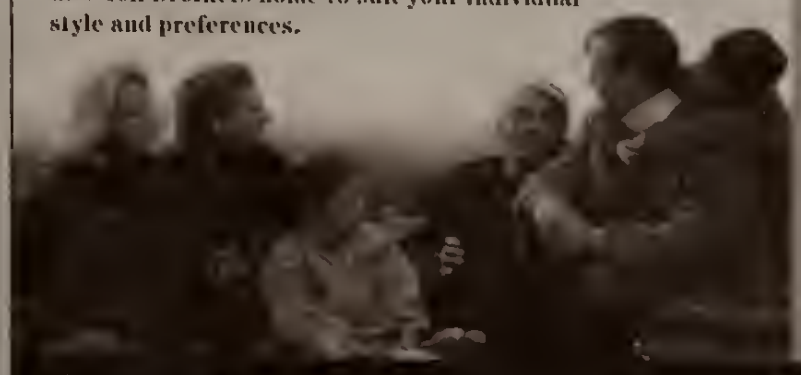

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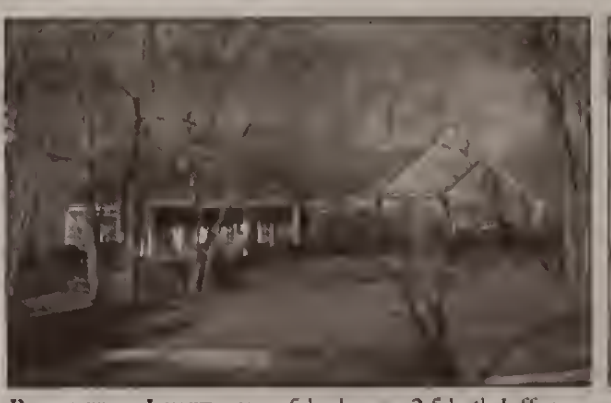

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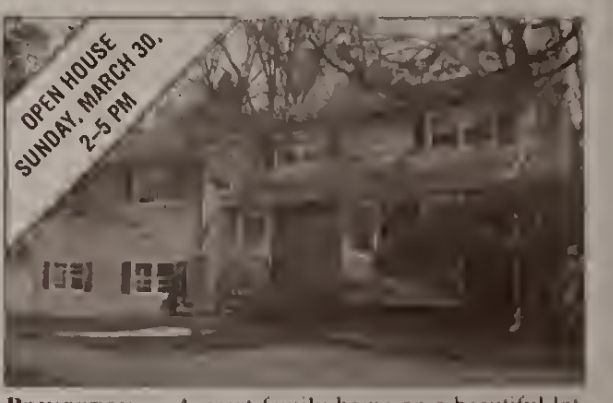

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Light & Bright Easy Formality

The three-sided exposure of this attractive Washington Oaks end-unit Townhouse allows the light to flow throughout. The two-story foyer has a ceramic tile floor extending into the back hall, the powder room, and the kitchen. A light hued wood floor joins the living and dining areas. A marble fireplace with crisp white mantel accentuates the areas' easy formality and a sliding door to the patio provides a lovely view of a meadow beyond. The kitchen features a breakfast bar and pantry closet. Nearby is access to the 2-car garage as well as the semi-finished basement. Upstairs, the master bedroom with cathedral ceiling and generous bath showcasing a windowed soaking tub and double vanities. There are two additional bedrooms and a hall bath. In Princeton Township, a few minutes drive from the heart of Princeton.

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